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Halifax goalie Mathieu Corbeil makes a first-period pad save on Gatineau forward Alexandre Touchette during Thursday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. The Mooseheads came back from a two-goal deficit to beat the Olympiques 3-2. Story, pg 18

'Eye-opening' deal

Police take in over 1,000 guns during Pixels for Pistols program

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They were hoping for a handful of long-guns, a few dozen pistols and several boxes of bullets.

But when the dust settled on the Pixels for Pistols gun amnesty program this week, Halifax Regional Police found themselves standing in a room filled with more than 1,000 firearms and 10,000 rounds of ammunition.

"This was an eye-opening experience," Const. Don Jenkins told reporters Thursday as he sat behind a table piled high with sawed-off shotguns, revolvers and handguns of various shapes, sizes and calibres.

Jenkins, a 26-year veteran of the police force, spent the last month driving around the municipality picking up firearms and ammunition from residents and exchanging them for a digital camera and gift card from Henry's Camera in Halifax.

"Some people wanted to eliminate the chance of a youngster getting their hands on a gun," Jenkins said. "In other cases, people just don't want them, they don't need them, and they don't use them. And they took advantage of a golden opportunity to pass them in to us."

HRM ran a gun amnesty program once before in 2006, but that initiative netted only 50 firearms, said Jenkins. The idea to throw in the extra incentive of a digital camera came from a small group of citizens who had heard about the success of a similar initiative in Toronto. One of those people, David Sparks, attended Thursday's press conference and said he was "elated" by the response in Halifax.

"I felt that I had a moral obligation as a citizen to speak to the powers that be to attempt to address the (gun violence) problem," he said. "I'm just thrilled with the results."

More than half of the guns collected were unregistered, said Jenkins, and will be destroyed after they are processed to determine if they were ever used in a crime.

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Timeline of trade-ins

Breakdown of when the more than 1,000 guns were collected

- Week 1: 101
- Week 2: 109
- Week 3: 233
- Week 4: 631
- Total: 1,074

PM chided during first China visit

POLITICS In a surprisingly undiplomatic rebuke, Prime Minister Stephen Harper was publicly chided at a traditional Chinese welcoming ceremony Thursday for taking too long to visit the country.

The subtle but pointed rebuke came as the prime minister and his Chinese counterpart, Wen Jiabao, sat at a large oval table for talks following a military welcome at the cavernous Great Hall of the People.

With television cameras rolling, Wen noted that he and Harper had yet to meet and that no Canadian prime minister had visited China in five years.



Stephen Harper

He also reminded the prime minister that Chinese media was full of stories about the lack of attention paid to China by his government since being elected in 2006.

"Five years is too long a time ... and that's why there were comments in the media that your visit should have taken place earlier," Wen said through an interpreter.

An hour earlier, President Hu Jintao twice emphasized that this was Harper's first visit at their private meeting.

However, the prime minister did not let the comments slip by without a response. He pointed out that it had also been five years since the Chinese leadership had stepped foot in Canada.

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Dane Cook on stage this Sunday

Popular American standup comedian Dane Cook is taking his act to Halifax this weekend for a show at the Metro Centre on Sunday at 8 p.m. The 37-year-old Cook has released five comedy albums and has also shown up on TV and movies. Tickets for his show range in price from $43 to $108. Tickets are available at all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221. METRO HALIFAX

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63% dissatisfied with handling of sewage plant: Poll

DATA It seems residents of HRM are turning up their noses at how regional council is handling problems with the Halifax sewage-treatment plant.

A survey released Thursday by Halifax-based Corporate Research Associates Inc. says nearly two thirds — 63 per cent — are mostly or completely dissatisfied with Mayor Peter Kelly and Halifax Regional Council's handling of the much-publicized failure with the plant.

Twenty-six per cent were completely dissatisfied, with 37 per cent mostly dissatisfied. Only five per cent were completely satisfied and 27 per cent were mostly satisfied.

The survey, conducted between Nov. 10 and Dec. 1, interviewed 330 adult residents of HRM. It carries a margin of error of 5.4 percentage points, 95 out of 100. METRO HALIFAX

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Officers find stories behind guns abound

Amnesty program nets some historic finds

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Whether it was manufactured last month or 250 years ago, Supt. Don Spicer says every gun has its own unique story.

HRM's public safety officer, who helped organize last month's Pixels for Pistols gun amnesty program in Halifax, said officers heard some pretty interesting tales as they went around collecting the hundreds of firearms turned over by the public in exchange for a new digital camera.

"In many cases, we found that the guns were handed down from generation to generation, and the current generation didn't have any interest in keeping them," Spicer said. "There were some that had some pretty important historical significance."

Among the most interesting firearms was a revolver obtained by a Canadian soldier at the Battle of Dieppe during the Second World War.

"There were approximately 100 United States Rangers that landed on the beach at the same time ... and they were cracking open these crates of revolvers and saying, 'Help yourselves, boys,'" explained Const. Don Jenkins, who was actively involved with the amnesty program.

"This particular Canadian jumped off his tank and grabbed an armload of revolvers for everyone in his tank. He carried his for the remainder of the war."

Jenkins said a couple of the guns collected date back to the 1850s and 1860s, and are already on their way to the army museum on Citadel Hill. Several other museums across Canada have also been phoning to see if they might snag a treasure or two.

"The people (who handed the guns in) simply wanted them to have a better home where people could appreciate them," Jenkins said. "It's the exploits of the Canadians at the time and how they acquired (the gun) that make what may be a commonplace firearm one of significance."



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Halifax Regional Police Const. Don Jenkins holds one of the more than 1,000 guns collected during the successful Pixels for Pistols gun amnesty program, which wrapped up this week.

"In many cases, we found that the guns were handed down from generation to generation, and the current generation didn't have any interest in keeping them."
Supt. Don Spicer

Police still baffled by death of woman struck by truck

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INVESTIGATION One year after Rachelle Valade was struck and killed by a tractor trailer in a Dartmouth parking lot, police are no closer to figuring out what might have caused the accident — or who was behind the wheel.

Valade was walking through a parking lot at 6 Primrose St. around 9 p.m. on Dec. 3, 2008, when a truck suddenly pulled away from its parking space — hitting the 35-year-old before turning right onto Victoria Road and speeding away.

"We're not sure if the driver is even aware he hit her," said Halifax Regional police spokesman Brian Palmeter. "We've spoken to a number of people over the past year who have provided some information, but we've still been unable to identify the truck."

The vehicle was described by witnesses as a white tractor trailer (cab only) with a protective chrome grill on the front.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident who hasn't already spoken to them to call 490-5016. Tips can also be registered anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

"We want to determine if this was an accident or if there was anything more to it," Palmeter said. "We want to provide closure for the family."

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Police investigating suspicious death after house fire

Parrsboro RCMP were investigating what they deemed a suspicious death Thursday. Police say they were called to a house fire in West Brook, Cumberland Co., around 1:18 p.m. where a 69-year-old man was found dead. The name of the deceased hasn't been released. METRO HALIFAX

Military families unveil holiday banner

Sign being sent to sailors aboard HMCS Fredericton

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Becky Pettipas will be missing her fiancé more than ever this holiday season.

That's because her fiancé — Ordinary Seaman Daniel Cox — is away overseas and won't be home for their youngest son's first Christmas.

"It's going to be tough, but we're going to videotape it (for him)," Pettipas said next to their oldest son, six-year-old Dylan, who had just finished signing a large banner in green crayon that will be sent to Cox and his navy crewmates.

Across Canada

- The event was one of five similar events taking place across the country. Other cities taking part were Toronto, Vancouver, Edmonton and Quebec City.

Military families gathered in front of the Sears at the Halifax Shopping Centre Thursday to sign a banner headed to their loved ones serving on the HMCS Fredericton in Somalia.

A black cloak was removed revealing the quilt-like banner, sectioned into squares and painted with colourful "I love you" and "I miss you" phrases.

The eight-by-four-foot holiday banner should be warmly received by the 250 sailors on board the vessel, which steamed out of the Halifax harbour on Oct. 25. The banner is expected to arrive in time for Christmas.

"We're taking it day by day and taking anything that comes one step at a time," Pettipas said about Cox being away.

This initiative is sponsored by Sears Canada in co-ordination with the Canadian Forces Personnel and Family Support Services and the Halifax Military Family Resource Centre.

Tara Bayne works at the resource centre and said it's important to have a solid support system for military families.

"We see military families as the strength behind the uniform, they're a big part of what we do," she said.

Bayne said families of the Fredericton signed the banner before it made its way to Halifax.

Haligonians were encouraged to add messages in support of the crew and their contributions overseas.



PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO HALIFAX

Becky Pettipas watches her six-year-old son Dylan write a message for his father — Ordinary Seaman Daniel Cox — on a banner being sent to those serving on HMCS Fredericton in Somalia.

City to commemorate Halifax Explosion

ANNIVERSARY Halifax will again commemorate the Halifax Explosion at Fort Needham Hill on Sunday.

Dec. 6 will mark the 92nd anniversary of the disaster that rocked Halifax in 1917.

The event will begin at 8:50 a.m. — the moment the SS Imo and the SS Mont Blanc collided to cause an explosion bringing Halifax and surrounding communities to rubble.

The event will open with remarks from Mayor Peter Kelly, followed by a recognition of survivors by Janet Kitz. The laying of wreaths and the traditional playing of bells by Hugh Creighton will symbolize the tragic day.

A reception at the Needham Recreation Centre will follow the ceremony, serving warm beverages to the soundtrack of a brass quartet.

The explosion killed more than 2,000 people and injured about 9,000.

Also on Sunday, there will be a Halifax Explosion survivors' reception at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic beginning at 2 p.m.

The event will provide members of the public a chance to learn more about the story of the disaster from those who were there, and how it's been passed down through generations.

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Two busted for drugs
An adult male and a female youth are facing charges after Halifax Regional Police say they found marijuana in a vehicle early Thursday. METRO HALIFAX

Misinformation on H1N1 'frustrating'

Nova Scotia's chief public health officer is frustrated by misinformation on the Internet about H1N1.

Dr. Robert Strang said Thursday websites such as YouTube allow anyone to pose as an expert and it can be confusing when you're simply looking for answers to questions.

"While it's good for people to have questions about H1N1 so they can make informed decisions, it's also important to be careful about what you deem as credible sources of information," he said in a release.

"Are you going to trust information from an anonymous source on the Internet, or well-documented scientific information backed by research?"

Strang said he's been hearing concerns from people about the possibility of getting Guillain-Barre syndrome — a neurological condition that causes numbness in toes and fingers — from the swine flu vaccine.

He said a link between the disorder and influenza immunization hasn't been fully proven.

"Even if there is a link, the risk of contracting GBS after getting the influenza vaccine is, at most, one additional GBS case for every one million doses administered," he said.

"The fact is, people are at far greater risk of developing GBS after getting the flu than after getting the vaccine."

Strang said people are also concerned about having anaphylaxis, or an acute allergic reaction, to the shot.

"It's not unique to vaccines," he said.

He said allergic reactions to the vaccine happen rapidly and can be treated successfully at the clinic, which is why people receiving the shot are asked to stay for 15 minutes after immunization.

"The H1N1 vaccine is safe. It works," said Strang. "The risks of getting severely ill or dying from H1N1 are greater than any potential risks from the H1N1 vaccine."

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Robert Strang, Nova Scotia's chief medical officer of health, answers questions at a press conference last month. Strang is frustrated about the amount of H1N1 misinformation on the Net.

Minister disappointed tougher sanctions won't come until 2010

Nova Scotia's transportation minister says he's disappointed that tougher sanctions for impaired driving won't be enacted until next year.

Bill Estabrooks says he'd hoped the longer suspensions would be in effect before Christmas.

Estabrooks says he's been told there has to be more consultation with Justice officials and the legal wording of the new rules is still being tweaked. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New legislation

- New legislation means drivers found with a blood-alcohol level between .05 and .08 will have their licence suspended for a week, up from the current 24 hours.
- A second offence within 10 years comes with a 15-day suspension, and a third and subsequent offences within a decade net a 30-day suspension.

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News in brief

MADD Nova Scotia has gone from a D+ to a B in the latest provincial ratings released by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The grade puts Nova Scotia fourth in the country and sees the province jump seven spots from its 2006 rating. The report is released by MADD every three years. A provincial government release said the improved standing is a result of a tighter Graduating Licencing Program and the Alcohol Ignition Interlock Program for people who lose their driver's licences due to alcohol-related convictions. MADD Canada rates each province and territory on a set of evolving criteria, with scores ranging from F to A+.

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RCMP donate to Surge for Life

The RCMP in Nova Scotia is teaming up with Canadian Blood Services this month by donating blood through the CBS Red Surge for Life campaign. Both RCMP officers and their family members will be donating blood, marking the second year in a row they've participated. METRO HALIFAX

N.S., N.L. keep pushing N.B. over power

Provincial leaders want written guarantee on transmission line use from Fredericton

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Nova Scotia and Newfoundland continued Thursday to demand written assurances from New Brunswick before it sells off its power utility, despite being brushed off once.

Premiers Darrell Dexter and Danny Williams wrote an open letter this week calling on New Brunswick's Shawn Graham to sign an agreement guaranteeing the rest of Atlantic Canada access to new transmission lines from New Brunswick to New England.

New Brunswick's energy minister dismissed the letter as "absolute smoke" and said the media had copies of it before his government did.

That was rejected by Bill Estabrooks, acting as Nova Scotia premier while Dexter is out of the country. Estabrooks insisted New Brunswick knew the letter was coming and the premiers wanted to make it available for everyone.



Bill Estabrooks

Graham reportedly gave verbal reassurance to Dexter and Williams, but on Thursday Estabrooks continued to argue it needs to be in writing.

"That would clearly demonstrate to Nova Scotians the good faith that is expected as one premier negotiates with another, that this is something we can take to the bank and say that we're going to have access to the transition lines in New Brunswick," said Estabrooks.

Nova Scotia has been leery of the NB Power takeover since the beginning. When asked Thursday if it would be good for the province if the deal fell through, Estabrooks replied "it wouldn't hurt."













Fisherman again suffer from low lobster prices

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FISHERY As lobster fishermen stare down the barrel of another tough fishing season, Nova Scotia's fisheries minister said opening up new markets is key.

Sterling Belliveau said it's too early to say with certainty, but since the season started Monday, lobster prices have been around $3.50 to $4.00 per pound. That's not far from the $3.25-per-pound prices last year that caused hundreds of fishermen to walk off the job protesting they weren't making enough to cover costs.

"My personal belief is that we have been marketing lobsters the way our grandfathers marketed. Basically putting them on the back of a truck and delivering them to a Boston-New York market. We need to change that."
Sterling Belliveau, fisheries minister

Belliveau said there's been progress since then, such as the establishment of a lobster council. He said he's been pushing federal fisheries minister Gail Shea to put more money into promoting the fishery and opening new markets.

"My personal belief is that we have been marketing lobsters the way our grandfathers marketed," Belliveau said. "Basically putting them on the back of a truck and delivering them to a Boston-New York market. We need to change that."

Belliveau said that means looking at new markets overseas as well as at home. He predicted an expansion of last year's phenomenon of fishermen setting up roadside stands to sell their catches directly to the public. He said there's already been 175 applications for such stands.

He said another problem is climate change. Belliveau said the water is about 10 degrees warmer than the same period last year, causing lobsters to molt later in the year and be smaller by the time fishing season starts.

Province to forge ahead with one jail instead of promised two

JUSTICE Nova Scotia's justice minister says he's aware the decision to go with one new jail instead of two is upsetting some people.

But Ross Landry says the decision to build a single 100-cell facility is being made in the best interests of taxpayers and the administration of justice.

He says he will leave it to taxpayers to determine whether they see it as a betrayal of an earlier promise to honour commitments made by the former Tory government.

Landry dismisses opposition suggestions that cancellation of the prison project awarded to Springhill was based on politics.

He says the needs and concerns of employees will be addressed when the aging Springhill jail closes.

A site for the new facility will be selected in the coming months, likely somewhere between Truro and Antigonish.

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Man gets year, probation for child porn
A Truro man got one month in jail after pleading guilty to possessing child porn. Kenneth Gordon Fisher, 38, was also placed on a year's probation. TRURO DAILY NEWS

Province puts ban on gift card end dates

Business group angry at government's announcement

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"It's really good news for Nova Scotians. It's consumer protection at its finest."
Ramona Jennex, minister, Service Nova Scotia

Gift cards in Nova Scotia will no longer have fees or expiry dates.

The province announced a rule change Thursday that will ban retailers from placing end dates on gift certificates as of Feb. 1, 2010.

"It's really good news for Nova Scotians. It's consumer protection at its finest," said Service Nova Scotia Minister Ramona Jennex.

Most other provinces in Canada have enacted similar rules. Consumer advocates have long decried the expiry dates, saying more consumer money evaporates every year as the cards expire.

The impact for people doing their Christmas shopping will be immediate. Any expiry dates after Feb. 1 for dollar value gift cards are now null and void. As of February no gift cards will have expiry dates to begin with.

Fees on using gift cards, such as inactivity charges, will also be illegal after Feb. 1. Customizing and replacement fees will still be allowed.

The only exception to the deadline is gift cards for services without a specific value, such as a free meal or haircut. The expiry date on existing cards will still stand, even if they fall after the Feb. 1 deadline.

"That would be because the retailers need to take until Feb. 1 to change over their systems," Jennex explained.

As of Feb. 1, gift cards for services will also be expiry-date free.

Another element of the rules change is all gift cards must now include restrictions, limitations, refund policy information and contact information to be included in writing on the card.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business wasn't pleased by the announcement. They sent out a release criticizing the government's decision close to Christmas.

"Business owners shouldn't be expected to divert their attention during the holiday season to read-up-on, and adjust for, more government regulation," reads the release.

Halifax Water

Southend Halifax Road Construction



Attention motorists, road work at the intersection of South and South Park Streets has partially closed the intersection, as well as sections of South and South Park Streets.

The duration of construction is approximately 3 weeks. This work is to allow for the installation of new water and sewer lines.

Traffic travelling east on South St. is required to turn right on South Park St. There are no left turns on to South Park St. There are no left or right turns on to South Park St. for traffic west bound on South Street.

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Port of Halifax signs deal with Port of Haiphong

The Port of Halifax signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Port of Haiphong Wednesday. The deal is expected to identify new business opportunities. METRO HALIFAX



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Cameron Mayer rehearses a scene from the Nutcracker Thursday at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. Mayer will be the Blue Flower in the production by Symphony Nova Scotia, Halifax Dance and Mermaid Theatre, which will run Friday to Dec. 12.

Holiday favourite

Nutcracker opens 19th annual run Friday

ALY THOMSON
for Metro Halifax

The script for The Nutcracker never changes, but the annual Symphony Nova Scotia production is reborn each year by fresh feet and new faces, said the production's director and choreographer.

"The cast is quite young and they're doing exceptionally well," said Leica Hardy. "The kids are taking on lots of responsibility."

The 19th annual Nutcracker begins Friday at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. Hardy, who has directed the production for all 19 years, said she has watched young dancers grow through the production and work their way up through more difficult roles.

"From a dance teacher's point of view ... it's always interesting to me because I'm constantly faced with trying to bring out the abilities of a new set of faces every year," she said.

The Nutcracker tells the story of a young girl who falls asleep in a dormitory and wakes up in a fantasy world with her beloved nutcracker. Tchaikovsky's famous Nutcracker Suite is the soundtrack to their adventure through an enchanted land where dolls and toys come to life.

Hardy said this version of the classic ballet is more "human," adding the production is accessible for everyone and can be understood as a play.

"Even though there is no dialogue, the storyline is there."

The advantage of directing a timeless classic is putting your own spin on it, Hardy added.

"You do have to have your own stand ... otherwise it's pointless to keep doing the same things over and over. "

Hardy has incorporated contemporary dance moves to blend and work with the classic ballet. She said the larger-than-life puppets work with the contemporary and classic dance to make for a fantastical show.

Hardy says rehearsals start in early September and continue every weekend for at least 10 hours before opening night.

More info

- The Nutcracker opens Friday and will run through to Dec. 12 at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. For ticket information and show times, visit symphonynovascotia.ca.

Halifax to mark tragic massacre

For 45 horrific minutes on Dec. 6, 1989, Marc Lépine roamed the halls of Montreal's École Polytechnique, gunning down 14 female engineering students before taking his own life.

Canada is preparing to mark the 20th anniversary of that tragic day, and several events are being planned in Halifax to remember Lépine's victims and to recognize what is now known as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Friday at 11 a.m., Education Minister Marilyn More will join representatives from several community groups at Province House for a special commemorative ceremony.

On Sunday, the anniversary of the massacre, a vigil will take place outside the Spring Garden Road Library in Halifax at 5:30 p.m., followed by a community pot luck at St. Matthew's Church on Barrington Street.

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News in brief

COURT It could be another two months before the Cape Breton Regional Municipality finds out whether the country's highest court will hear its appeal of the equalization lawsuit against the Nova Scotia government. Cape Breton Mayor John Morgan said he is anticipating word from the Supreme Court of Canada on whether the municipality's application for leave to appeal will be heard by the court. The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal dismissed the CBRM's lawsuit in May. The CBRM lawsuit argues that Section 36 of the Constitution has been breached by the province because it hasn't provided a comparable level of services based on comparable tax rates.

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Man arrested for allegedly stealing passport applications

Authorities say a Canada Post employee was arrested after 75 filled-out passport applications collected by Human Resources Minister Diane Finley's office were allegedly stolen. Gatineau, Que., police say a 28-year-old man from the Gatineau area was arrested Nov. 6. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada



Cabinet looking at Globalive decision

Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement, left, says cabinet could overturn a decision by the CRTC that prevents cellphone company Globalive from launching its service in Canada. Ottawa is reviewing the decision by the federal regulator, which says Globalive wasn't Canadian-owned and controlled and therefore can't serve the Canadian wireless market. Egyptian telecom company Orascom owns 65 per cent of Globalive, but a minority of its voting shares. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A former Ecole Polytechnique student says Ottawa will have blood on its hands if it scraps the gun registry. Scan this barcode for the full story.

News in brief

CLIMATE The uncertainty of U.S. climate-change legislation could force Canada to essentially revert to a discarded plan to fight global warming that the Conservative government first presented almost three years ago, Environment Minister Jim Prentice says. Critics say it is yet another Tory tactic to stall long-promised regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions on the eve of the global climate change summit in Copenhagen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Afghanistan rejected Canadians' prisoners

Officials requested evidence of wrongdoing

Afghanistan's intelligence service refused to accept Canadian-captured prisoners over the summer because the military was providing "insufficient evidence" of wrongdoing, The Canadian Press has learned.

The Afghan-imposed halt in transfers is at odds with claims by the federal government that the Canadian military refused to turn over detainees because local authorities were not living up to obligations to allow unfettered access to prisoners.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay provided that explanation to the House of Commons on Nov. 23, with no mention of the simmering dispute with the National Directorate of Security, the Afghan spy agency.

Former diplomat Richard Colvin told a special House of Commons committee two weeks ago that ordinary Afghans are often caught in security sweeps with little evidence of wrongdoing — an allegation federal Conservatives and the military deny.

And a Sept. 19, 2009, internal memo lends credence to Colvin's assertions.

It also paints a stark portrait of disheartened Canadian troops and Afghan intelligence officers, who are run off their feet in the chaos of the war-torn city.

The Afghan decision to halt transfers sparked an urgent meeting between Canada's ambassador and the head of the National Directorate of Security in Kabul, Gen. Amrullah Saleh, on Sept. 6, says the memo, widely distributed within the federal government and NATO.

The local NDS commander "was refusing to accept Canadian-transferred detainees due to NDS claims of insufficient evidence being provided," says the document, shown to The Canadian Press on a confidential basis.

The handover of prisoners resumed this fall, but the military would not say when because of operational security. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Confidential sources

- The issue of evidence is a matter of growing consternation within NATO, said another defence source, who asked not to identified. The military has its confidential sources of information, which it doesn't want to share with civilian agencies, especially if it's been gathered electronically.

Commons National Day of Remembrance



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Members of Parliament and House of Commons staff bow their heads during a moment of silence to commemorate Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday.

Docs examine climate change impact

INDIGENOUS Elders pull the seal skins taut over the wooden frame, binding the pelts together as they construct a traditional kayak on the shoreline of one of Canada's most northern communities.

The group in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, sing and eat as they talk about changes they've witnessed over the last several decades that have warmed their distant region and altered their native food sources.

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The conversation is the focus of one of two Canadian documentaries being presented this week in Copenhagen along with other videos showcasing the effects of climate change on indigenous populations around the globe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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GM resignation won't impact company: Clement
Minister Tony Clement says he doesn't expect the resignation of General Motors CEO Fritz Henderson to affect the company's Canadian operations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feds, provinces talk housing

Federal and provincial housing ministers beginning two days of meetings Thursday in Ottawa are in the extraordinary position of having so much money they don't know what to do with it.

The federal government is in the midst of handing out an unprecedented $5-billion pot of federal money for social housing needs and construction.

For the first time in four years, the federal minister in charge of housing will meet face to face with her provincial counterparts on Friday, in the hopes of hashing out the most effective way to spend it all.

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley said she is going into the meeting asking a pair of fundamental questions.

"Are we doing the right thing with it, and are we doing it the right way?" Finley said in an interview.

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Growing need

- The number of struggling families who spend more than 30 per cent of their income on housing has been on the rise over the past decade, despite the economic boom that preceeded the recession. There were about 1.5 million such households at last official count. The recession has probably increased those numbers by up to 300,000, said housing economist Will Dunning.

Quebec City **Torch run**



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Odette Tremblay celebrates with students and officials as she carries the Vancouver 2010 Olympic torch to the Manoir Montmorency on Thursday in Quebec City.

Aglukkaq blasts Liberal senators

RECALLS Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq says Liberal senators have put the interests of industry ahead of health and safety with changes to a proposed consumer recall bill.

She was responding to a series of Senate amendments to Bill C-6 that would deny government inspectors the power to unilaterally order a recall of consumer items such as toys, baby cribs and food products without first consulting the manufacturer or distributor.

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University sounds alert over weed killer

The weed killer atrazine affects frogs' sexual development, raising questions about its effect on the environment, says the University of Ottawa. METRO NEWS SERVICES

When famine hit Canada's north

Sometime in late February 1950, a Canadian photographer pulled a camera out of his parka, focused as best he could in the flickering lamplight inside an igloo, and pressed the shutter.

The resulting image — an Inuit mother, haggard from hunger, fiercely pressing her nose and lips to those of her youngest child — has since become iconic.

But the story behind Richard Harrington's memorable print, and the many others he made around the same time, is less well known.

And that's what a show now on at the Winnipeg Art Gallery hopes to remedy.

"It's certainly long overdue," said Darlene Wight, a curator behind the exhibit, which runs until March.

Harrington made six trips to the Arctic between 1948 and 1953. He often lived with the Inuit, who depended on the availability of caribou.

Harrington's 1950 trip came in a year the caribou didn't. The result was famine.



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Photographer Richard Harrington's Padlei, NWT, 1950.

As southern Canadians were welcoming a prosperous decade of suburbs and big-finned cars, many of their northern fellow citizens were starving to death.

Although Harrington's work is sold and exhibited at Toronto's Stephen Bulger Gallery, the Winnipeg show of 23 images is his first at a public art institution in Canada in more than two decades.

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More torture data please, say opposition MPs

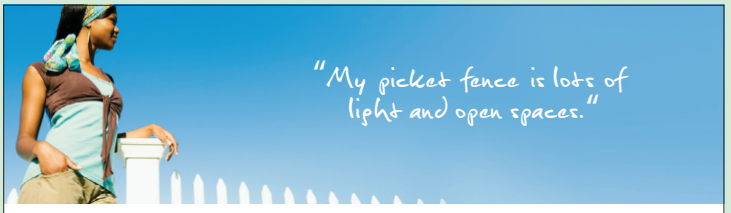
AFGHANISTAN Opposition MPs are calling on would-be whistleblowers to send along more brown envelopes about the Afghan detainee issue.

Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh and Bloc Québécois MP Claude Bachand say they would like to see more leaks from bureaucrats unhappy with the government's handling of Afghans captured by the Canadian military.

So far, government documents released have been heavily censored.

The Canadian Press saw unedited government documents that showed the International Red Cross had voiced concerns.

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Woman accused of faking assault to appear in court
A Swiss court says a Brazilian woman charged with faking an attack by skinheads will have to appear in court Dec. 16. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Riot measures ready for Copenhagen talks

Go Green

In Denmark's biggest security operation since the Second World War, police are mobilizing thousands of officers and — for the first time — a water cannon for next week's UN climate summit.

Copenhagen police demonstrated the German-made 22-ton vehicle to media Thursday, showcasing it mainly as a beefed-up fire truck that could spray water on burning cars or trash bins if protests get out of hand.

But police spokesman Michael Engell said it was possible to add tear gas to the 1.5-million gallon water tank, implying the cannon could also be aimed at rioting protesters. Police said they have never before used such a vehicle.

At least 100 world leaders will converge on the normally tranquil city in the next two weeks to try to forge a new pact against global warming.

Roughly 15,000 delegates have signed up for the conference — and many more protesters are expected to march through the streets.

"We do not want to be at war with anyone," Copenhagen police operations chief Per Larsen said. "But we will act accordingly if something unacceptable happens."

Anarchist and anti-capitalist groups have suggested they will seek confrontations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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University to probe reports of altered climate data

NORWICH A British university said Thursday it would investigate whether scientists at its prestigious Climatic Research Unit fudged data on global warming.

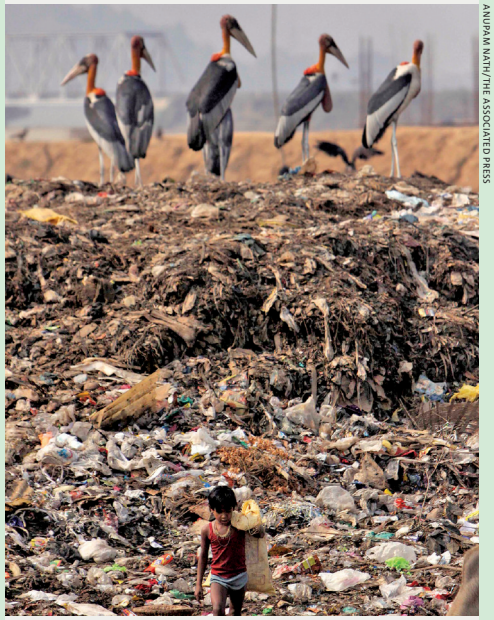
Thousands of pieces of correspondence between some of the world's leading climate scientists were stolen from the University of East Anglia and leaked late last month.

Skeptics say the emails are proof that scientists have been conspiring to hide evidence showing that global warming was not as strong as generally believed.

Phil Jones, the director of the unit, stepped down Tuesday pending the result of the investigation.

The university said it would check the documents for "manipulation or suppression of data." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India Salvaging what's left



ANUPAM NATH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A boy looks for recyclable material as endangered storks stand at a garbage dump on the outskirts of Gauhati, India, on Thursday. India will slow the growth of its emissions over the next decade, Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh said Thursday.

'Climate saboteurs' dangerous, UK politician warns

GREENHOUSE Britain's climate change secretary urged countries Thursday to be wary of "climate saboteurs" seeking to wreck a global agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Ed Miliband, who will attend the international climate change talks that begin Monday in Copenhagen, said those challenging the mainstream scientific view on climate change are irresponsible and dangerous.

"I do think that we have to beware of the climate saboteurs, the people who want to say this is somehow in doubt, and want to cast aspersions on the whole process," Miliband told reporters. Some British opposition lawmakers insist the case for man-made climate change is overstated.

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Car drags woman to her death
One woman ran over another after an apparent drug dispute and dragged her through Skid Row in Los Angeles early Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Irish nuns offer further $204M over child abuse

A major Irish order of Roman Catholic nuns, the Sisters of Mercy, offered Thursday to pay child abuse victims, the government and charities a further $204 million to compensate for decades of abuse in its schools and orphanages.

The compensation offer to the Irish Education Department is by far the largest from 18 orders of Catholic priests, brothers and nuns found guilty of chronic child abuse. They ran scores of residential schools, workhouses and orphanages for generations of Ireland's most deprived children from the mid-19th century to the 1990s.

The Sisters of Mercy said in a statement it "wholeheartedly regrets the suffering experienced by the children in their care" and hoped this latest offer would show that its nuns were being "faithful to the values of reparation, reconciliation, healing and responsibility."

A nine-year state investigation in May ruled that all the orders permitted and covered up endemic rape, molestation, beatings and mental cruelty in their children's institutions.

The government responded by demanding that the orders pay much more to help cover compensation payments to more than 14,000 abuse claimants worldwide.

14,000 More than 14,000 abuse claimants worldwide want payments for their experiences as child residents of Catholic schools and orphanages in Ireland.

The government confirmed receipt of the Sisters of Mercy offer but declined further comment.

Several other Catholic orders have already made smaller offers to the government and victims' support groups following the report.

Its findings of epic levels of cruelty and neglect fanned public fury against the Catholic orders.

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This Oct. 29 photo shows an Egyptian woman, right, wearing the niqab, which covers everything but the eyes, walking in Cairo.

Veils fan Egypt's fear of hard-line Islam

CONTROVERSY When Egypt's government banned Islamic veils and all-encompassing robes in the dorms of public universities, it cited reports of men wearing the garb to sneak into the women's quarters.

But there was a deeper reason behind the move: an intensifying struggle between the moderate Islam championed by the state and a populace that is turning to a stricter version of the faith, whose most visible hallmark is the niqab — the dress that covers the entire female form.

The debate has grown more heated since Mohammad Tantawi, the top cleric at prestigious Al-Azhar University, banned the niqab in classrooms and dorms on the grounds that it "has nothing to do with Islam," and that it was unnecessary since the college is gender-segregated.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry and religious authorities forbade nurses and preachers to wear the niqab. The moves have angered many women who say they cover up voluntarily out of religious conviction, and in some cases are penalized for it.

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Cat cams show what pets do when home alone

LEISURE PURSUITS What do cats do when their owners are away? There was one way to find out — "cat cams." Fifty house cats were given collar cameras that took a photo every 15 minutes. The results put a dent in some human theories about catnapping.

Based on the photos, about 22 per cent of the cats' time was spent looking out of windows, 12 per cent was used to interact with other family pets and eight per cent was spent climbing on chairs or kitty condos. Just six per cent of their hours were spent sleeping.

"What surprised me was how active the cats were. I believed my three cats were sleeping during the day," said Jill Villarreal, an animal behaviour scientist who collected the data.

"What surprised me was how active the cats were."
Jill Villarreal

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Mystery of HRM's police board

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Quick. Can you name the chair of HRM's board of police commissioners? ... No? OK ... Can you tell me what the board does? ... Did you even know we had police commissioners?

Perhaps that's the problem.

According to city bylaw P-100, the board — six members appointed by regional council, one by the province — is supposed to "provide civilian governance" of the force.

How well does it do that job? That's hard to know. What's easier to say is the board doesn't spend a lot of time on its duties. Most of its monthly meetings this year lasted less than an hour. The board considered and approved the force's 2009-10 budget — $72.8 million — at a meeting that lasted 69 minutes. The most recent posted minutes — for its Sept. 11 meeting — show commissioners met for 29 minutes.

This entry shows up more than once: "A copy of the HRP reports for (month) were before the commission. As there were no questions, the board accepted the HRP reports as information."

In February, commissioner Gloria McCluskey did ask why a citizen's letter "addressed to the board was not brought before the board."

Chairman Russell Walker — the answer to our first question — explained the letter had actually been sent to the province and only copied to the board, so it "was then sent to Chief (Frank) Beazley for follow-up."

Is there a too-cosy relationship between the board and the force it is supposed to manage?

When the grandfather of Jason MacCullough — one of 48 unsolved homicide cases on the books — wrote to the justice minister last year complaining about the lack of progress in that investigation, he copied his letter to the chief and chair of the police commission. Deputy Chief Chris McNeil and Walker did come to see him, he told me, but McNeil did all the talking. "Walker didn't say a word."

I recently wrote an article for The Coast asking why Halifax has so many unsolved murders. In it, Tom Martin, one of Halifax's most experienced and respective detectives, complained the force's most senior officers lacked on-the-ground experience in criminal investigations. Jim Hoskins, another recently retired senior officer, wrote a letter to the editor supporting Martin's arguments.

Has the board of police commissioners invited either to meet with it to discuss their concerns? I don't know. I emailed the board's chair a week ago, telling him I wanted to ask some questions about why Halifax has so many unsolved murders. He hasn't gotten back to me.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communications Chair in Journalism at the University of Kings College, is the author of eight books.

Views

Why Copenhagen summit is a big deal



Martin Atkin
WWF International

You're going to be hearing and reading a lot about Copenhagen in the next couple weeks. Every day you open your newspaper or switch on the television news it's going to be up there in the main headlines. So why is Copenhagen such a big deal?

It's a big deal because it affects all of us. Climate change isn't just something that happens to other people. Those melting glaciers and raging forest fires may seem a long way from where you're sitting reading this on a bus or train on the way to work, but they're happening on somebody's doorstep. Maybe you're lucky enough not to be directly affected — yet. But you will be.

Over the next two weeks, Metro will be featuring some of the creatures around the world already suffering because of global warming. Some of them may be familiar — polar bears struggling on the melting Arctic sea ice, or delicate coral reefs killed off by warmer oceans. But there's one species that stands to lose more than most if climate change isn't brought under control — humans.

We're already seeing the terrible consequences of runaway global warming. Many thousands of climate refugees forced to flee their low-lying coastal homes from India to the Pacific islands. Bush fires causing millions of dollars of damage every year from Australia to California. Hurricanes of increasing severity and frequency battering cities from New Orleans to Taiwan.

Climate change could wreck the global economy. It destabilizes food, water and energy supplies, and makes it more difficult for us to pull out of recession. That's a direct threat to our jobs, homes and security. And all the time the cost of doing nothing is going up — a cost that has to be borne by all of us.

That's why Copenhagen matters to us all. The great and the good meeting over the next fortnight have the power to lead us into a clean, sustainable future or into ever-more catastrophic global warming. Big deal? You bet it is!

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Teck Resources slapped with large fine
Teck Resources has been fined $115,000 after a chemical spill in the Columbia River in southeast B.C. in May 2008. It's the largest fine in B.C. history for a single count under the province's environmental management act, according to Environment Minister Barry Penner. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WestJet foresees impact on Q4

REVENUE WestJet Airlines Ltd. expects the ongoing transition to a new reservation system will have a negative impact on its fourth-quarter passenger revenue, which is expected to be at least 11 per cent below last year.

The Calgary-based airline made the statement Thursday while releasing November traffic results, which showed a load factor down slightly from record highs last year as growth in capacity outpaced growth in traffic.

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Business in brief

HOUSING Residential real estate sales should recover in almost all major Canadian cities by the end of 2009, while average prices should post new records in an improved economic climate, says a new report. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Comcast plans to buy NBC

Comcast Corp. announced Thursday it plans to buy a majority stake in NBC Universal for $13.75 billion US, giving America's largest cable TV operator control of the Peacock network, an array of cable channels and a major movie studio.

Although the deal could mean that movies could reach cable more quickly after showing in theatres, and that TV shows could appear faster on cellphones and other devices, it was already raising concerns that Comcast would wield too much power over entertainment.

If the deal clears regulatory and other hurdles, Comcast would rival The Walt Disney Co. — which Comcast CEO Brian Roberts already tried to buy.

Comcast, which already serves a quarter of all U.S. households that pay for TV, would gain control of the NBC broadcast network, the Spanish-language Telemundo and about two dozen cable channels, including USA, Syfy and The Weather Channel.


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Movies and TV shows, such as Jay Leno seen in this promotional NBC poster in New York, could come more quickly to cable.

It also would have regional sports networks, Universal Pictures and theme parks.

In agreeing to buy 51 per cent of NBC Universal from General Electric Co., which has controlled NBC since 1986, Comcast hopes to succeed in marrying distribution and content in a way Time Warner Inc. could not.

AOL and Time Warner are undoing their ill-fated marriage Dec. 9.

Comcast pledged that NBC Universal shows that now cost money over its cable video-on-demand service would be free for three years.

But consumer advocates worry about the deal, saying people could end up paying more for TV.

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Jazz Air reaches tentative contract

DEAL Jazz Air LP said Thursday it has reached a new tentative labour contract with the union representing its customer service and aircraft services employees, after two previous deals were voted down by union.

Details of the agreement were not immediately available. The revised agreement must be voted on by about 950 union members.

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Lions win 3rd straight

The Halifax Lions won their third straight game on Thursday with a 5-2 win over the Dieppe Commandos in Maritime Junior A Hockey League action at the Forum. Travis Perry had a goal and an assist, while Chris Riguse, Stuart Lenehan and Wayne Bedecki had singles. The Lions, last in the Bent Division, are 9-10-2. METRO HALIFAX

Sports



Allen invited to camp

Halifax's Molly Allen has been invited to a selection camp for Canada's under-20 women's soccer team. The Virginia Commonwealth defender will compete for a spot on the team in Boca Raton, Fla., from Dec. 11 to 20. METRO HALIFAX

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Former Moosehead cut by Titan, could go to junior A

HOCKEY Yuri Cheremetiev is expected to try his luck in the junior A ranks after being cut by the Bathurst Titan on Thursday.

The 20-year-old forward had just a goal and an assist in 13 games after being traded from the Halifax Mooseheads to the Titan a month ago. Sources say he will join the Maritime Junior A Hockey League's Truro Bearcats, joining fellow Mooseheads alumni Eric Louis-Seize and Ben MacAskill.



Yuri Cheremetiev

He was traded with a 2011 fifth-round pick to the Titan for a 2011 third-rounder.

Halifax would have recouped the fifth-rounder if Cheremetiev stayed in Bathurst beyond Jan. 10.

Cheremetiev co-led the Mooseheads in scoring in 2008-09 and played four and a half seasons in Halifax.

He sits fifth on the franchise's all-time games-played list.

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Shots lead to streak buster

At times just throwing the puck at the net, Halifax ends losing streak

Their goals belonged on the blooper reel more than the highlight reel, but the Halifax Mooseheads will take them.

The Mooseheads took advantage of some porous goaltending on Thursday night to bust out of a five-game losing streak with a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over the Gatineau Olympiques in QMJHL action at the Metro Centre.

Trailing 2-0 entering the second period, the Mooseheads got on the board 1:20 into the frame with a goal from Paul Dimitruk, then beat Olympiques goaltender Dereck Tait with a pair of groaners that got him pulled immediately.

"They say 100 per cent of the shots you don't take won't go in, so that just shows we've got to shoot more," quipped Dimitruk, who scored his first goal with the Mooseheads and added two assists to collect first-star honours.

"That's a good team win, a good character test to get us out of a slump."

A win is a win for the Mooseheads, who have only enjoyed the feeling six times in 30 outings so far.

Alex Lemieux scored from inside the blue line at 8:11 — admitting later he just threw it at the net and got lucky — and Carl Gelinas dribbled another one through Tait's pads just 2:04 later from the top of the faceoff circle on the power play.

It marked the first time all season the Mooseheads came back from a deficit of two or more goals to win.

"That's why it's such a big win for us," Dimitruk said. "It just shows that we're growing a lot of character and that's a great thing for a young hockey team like us."



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Mooseheads goalie Mathieu Corbeil makes a save on Olympiques forward Alexandre Quesnel during Thursday night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. Halifax edged Gatineau 3-2.

Mathieu Corbeil made 23 saves for Halifax and bounced back after allowing a goal to Tye McGinn eight seconds in.

The Mooseheads, 6-22-2, head to Charlottetown to play the P.E.I. Rocket, 16-10-3, on Friday night, then return home to host the Lewiston Maineiacs, 10-17-1, on Saturday.

"In the room it's like a party now but we know we have a big game (against P.E.I.)," Lemieux said.

"That game is finished and we have to concentrate on our next one."

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Brunet traded to Huskies as Herd continue 'youth movement'

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DEAL The Halifax Mooseheads have furthered their youth movement by trading 20-year-old blue-liner Alexandre Brunet.

The Mooseheads dealt Brunet to the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies on Thursday for a 2011 fifth-round draft pick, just a half a season after picking him up from the Rimouski Oceanic to complete the multi-part Logan MacMillan trade.

The move will give more ice time to Halifax's younger defencemen such as 17-year-olds Konrad Abeltshauser, Garrett Clarke, Steve Gillard and Sawyer Hannay.

"It helps our youth movement and makes it more difficult to keep guys like Gillard and Hannay out of the lineup," Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell said.

"We have four 17-year-old defencemen we're comfortable with and they need ample ice time to improve. This is a step in the process."

The Mooseheads have seven defencemen on the roster. One, Konrad Abeltshauser, is nursing an ankle injury but could return Saturday against the Lewiston Maineiacs.

Russell said he doesn't plan on making any call-ups yet.

Brunet had four assists and was minus-17 in 25 games.

Huskies head coach and general manager Andre Tourigny said he intends to pair Brunet with another former Mooseheads defenceman, Gabriel O'Connor, in a top defensive role.

"He will be a shut-down defenceman," he said. "With Gabriel, it will be two guys able to shut down the other side. Brunet's mobile and he's good 1-on-1 and with a good player around him, he will be able to play against the best."



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Halifax GM
Cam Russell

Tourigny said the five-foot-10, 197-pound Brunet impressed him the past two seasons with the Oceanic.

"We believe he can be back at that level of play with a good team," Tourigny said. "He will be a key addition."



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Mauresmo retiring

Two-time Grand Slam champion Amelie Mauresmo retired from tennis Thursday, saying she no longer had a burning desire for competition. The 30-year-old Frenchwoman, a former top-ranked player who finished the season at No. 21, said she doesn't have the will to keep playing at the highest level. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2010 dreams hinge on making the team



With exactly 10 weeks to go until the home Olympics, many of Canada's athletes haven't booked their tickets to Vancouver and Whistler.

To be considered medal contenders, they have to make the team.

All over the world, trials by fire are occurring with glory hanging in the balance. Past performance means little and there's always disaster lurking to derail any Olympic dream. Just ask John Kucera, the reigning world downhill ski champion, who broke his leg in a crash at Lake Louise and thus ended his hopes of a gold medal.

"It's what we sign up for," shrugged Francois Bourque, Kucera's teammate who had witnessed the fall. Bourque missed last season due to injury. In 2006 at the Torino Games he finished a narrow fourth in the giant slalom. This time he's guaranteed nothing.

In curling the finest teams in the land are assembling in Edmonton to conduct a super tournament from which only two will emerge. The fact that Kevin Martin and Jennifer Jones have dominated the sport for the last four years is irrelevant. Becoming the Canadian representative in Vancouver will be the toughest task of all.

At the World Cup of speedskating in Calgary the powerhouse nations will dash in an Olympic preview. Canada has many stars in the mix. But in the men's 500M sprints the most successful racer of all-time, Jeremy Wotherspoon, hasn't qualified. He'll be hard pressed to make amends for his stumble at the start line in Salt Lake City and it will have to be at another distance.

In Europe Canadian bobsleigh athletes like Heather Moyse of PEI still don't know if they've got a seat in the sled — this in spite of the fact that Moyse missed a podium spot in Torino as the brakeman for Helen Upperton by mere hundredths of a second.

Moyse told a community fundraiser in Charlottetown recently that as an aspiring team member she takes nothing for granted. "People call me an Olympian," she explained. "I say I'm just like everyone else. I'm just somebody's neighbour with a job to do."

Indeed, for Moyse and all the others the most difficult mission may be making the Olympic cut in the first place.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons.

NHL Habs thumped



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Montreal Canadiens right winger Matt D'Agostini tries to redirect the puck while being checked by Buffalo Sabres defenceman Andrej Sekera as Sabres goalie Ryan Miller looks on Thursday in Buffalo, N.Y. Clarke MacArthur, Jason Pominville and Derek Roy scored first-period goals and Ryan Miller made 21 saves as the Sabres beat the Canadiens 6-2.

Tiger's display of imperfection shows downside of hero worship

Tiger Woods was different, or so he seemed, with his unmatchable talent and carefully burnished image. Unlike some pro athletes, he had welcomed being a role model. He was, it turns out, too good to be true, and his fall from grace calls into question the very idea of sports hero worship.

"No one has approached this level of perfection on and off the playing surface, maybe ever, without a single blot or tarnish," said Dave Czesniuk, director of operations for Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

"The real story here is the meeting of expectations with reality," Czesniuk said. "The guy's a human being and we forget that."

Woods' apology Wednesday for unspecified "transgressions" — coinciding with reports of repeated marital infidelity — was, on one level, only the latest in a long sequence of superstar downfalls.

Michael Phelps was photographed with a marijuana pipe. Marion Jones had her Olympic medals stripped for doping that she long denied. Roger Clemens and Alex Rodriguez faced dual allegations of steroid use and adultery. And so on.

Woods, however, was unique — a globally recognized brand name that evoked impeccability and historical greatness. His sponsors and handlers, his admiring chroniclers in the media, and especially Woods himself contributed to the image-making.



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A pile of magazines featuring Tiger Woods.

"The public had become jaded and indifferent — they expected Barry Bonds and Marion Jones and Sammy Sosa to fall," said psychologist Stanley Teitelbaum, author of Sports Heroes, Fallen Idols.

"But no one really expected that of Tiger Woods," he said. "Now that it happens to him, people are not as indifferent — there's more disappointment and more disillusionment."

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Fairy tale adds colour

Anika Rose voices Disney's first African-American princess

NED EHRBAR
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Lending her voice to Disney's first African-American princess is pretty huge for an actress, and Anika Noni Rose is all too aware of it.

"The first time I saw her in colour, I couldn't even breathe. I just started to cry," she says, hand instinctively going to her throat. "Even talking about now, I'm such a wuss."

To be fair, it really is a big deal. Tiana, the heroine at the center of The Princess and the Frog, joins a much-celebrated class of characters including Cinderella, Snow White and Belle from Beauty and The Beast. And while Disney has featured other races with Jasmine from Aladdin or Mulan — and even other another species in The Little Mermaid — until now there hasn't been a black face in that lineup.

Movie **feature**

But as a child watching Disney films, Rose doesn't necessarily remember noticing the absence of lead characters of colour. "I didn't necessarily feel deprived. I was just watching the movies and loving them," she says. "I do remember wondering to myself if there would ever be a Chocolate Brown after seeing Snow White.

The Princess and The Frog hits theatres next week

"It will mean different things to different people," Rose says of the impact Tiana will have. "For my nephew, it will be the norm. He will think nothing of it. It will be his first princess, period. For my mother, it'll be something she's been waiting for — and her child, no less. For my grandmother, it will be something she never thought would've happened."

As for Rose herself, she says she's just thrilled to be involved in one of Disney's lavish animated musicals. "This is something that I always dreamed of doing," she says. "I didn't dream of being a princess. I could've been a dandelion and I would've been really happy."

An admitted "Disney geek," Rose was just as excited the film's return to traditional hand-drawn animation as she was about its cultural significance. "When you look at the bayou, you can see the humidity in the air," she says. "It is hazy and warm and moist and thick with it. And I that's something that CGI hasn't quite managed to capture."

And while the first African-American Disney princess is sure to be viewed as a role model of sorts, Rose is more than happy to dodge that label herself — one of the benefits of voicing an animated character. "If they want to see Tiana as a role model, I think that's brilliant because her story is finite," Rose explains. "She's not going to turn the corner and fall out and have 20 children. It's not going to be the type of situation."

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Anika Noni Rose lends her voice to Disney's first ever African-American princess in The Princess and The Frog.

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Brothers measured drama

Brothers

Director: Jim Sheridan
Stars: Tobey Maguire, Jake Gyllenhaal, Natalie Portman
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



Natalie Portman and Tobey Maguire star in Brothers.

REVIEW Brothers should be an overly sentimental drama that gratingly begs for Oscar recognition. After all, it is a story of forbidden love and post-traumatic stress disorder, populated by a cast of young Hollywood stars. The film should have a "movie of the week" quality with glossy production values.

But surprisingly Brothers is a very quiet and earnest little film that never goes the easy route emotionally. It might not be a masterpiece, but director Jim Sheridan has turned in a better movie than Brothers had any right to be.

The film stars Tobey Maguire and Jake Gyllenhaal as (you guessed it!) two very different brothers. Maguire appears as an honoured army captain and Gyllenhaal plays his fresh out of prison ne'er do well brother.

When Maguire is captured in Afghanistan, his family is told he's dead and Gyllenhaal steps in to take care of his shattered family, befriending his daughters and possibly getting a little too close to his wife (Natalie Portman).

Maguire eventually returns a changed man after his horrific experience and his family can hardly recognize him. This path has been tread before, but Jim Sheridan makes it work by perfectly casting his actors against type to defy expectations, while also keeping the family drama slow and simmering.

There are few Oscar-clip ready emotional outbursts, but when they do appear the scenes at least feel organic to the piece.

Brothers is a remake of the Danish drama Brødre and Sheridan manages to Americanize the story with minimal Hollywood gloss.

Maguire is shockingly good as a shell shocked POW and Gyllenhaal is surprisingly believable as a damaged ex-con. Sheridan is clearly playing with their movie star images here and the experiment works quite well.

The final scenes might veer too far into sentimentality, but overall this is an awards season drama that manages to delicately explore touchy subject matter and tug on the heartstrings without falling into the trappings of overblown melodrama.

- For a trailer of Brothers, photos, and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies.

Diesel fuels Riddick speculation
Vin Diesel, gravelly-voiced cheerleader for multiple ailing movie franchises, has announced on his Facebook page that at least some sort of pre-production is underway on a third Chronicle of Riddick. **EMPIREONLINE.COM**

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DeNiro returns to Fine form in dramedy



Robert DeNiro and Drew Barrymore play father and daughter in Everybody's Fine.

Everybody's Fine
Director: Kirk Jones
Stars: Robert DeNiro, Drew Barrymore
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Just as every holiday season brings a flurry of kid-friendly fare to the box office, so too is it often associated with heart-tugging dramas for the more adult patrons. Enter one of this year's entries, Everybody's Fine.

In this slow-paced Kirk Jones (Nanny McPhee) dramedy, Robert DeNiro plays Frank, a recent retiree whose sedate life is punctuated by the fact the outgoing message on his antiquated answering machine is still his late wife's voice.

When his children (played by Drew Barrymore, Sam Rockwell and Kate Beckinsale) all skip out on a family get-together, Frank decides to travel cross-country to surprise them each in their respective cities.

What we get is a sexagenarian road trip of discovery, or lack there of, since Frank finds his kids each hiding secrets — especially the worrying absence of their sibling, David.

From that description, Everybody's Fine (which is a remake of a 1990 Italian hit) may sound a bit mysterious — and perhaps Jones intended it to be.

However, by the time David's reveal occurs, anticipation has dwindled and the plot-point seems extraneous.

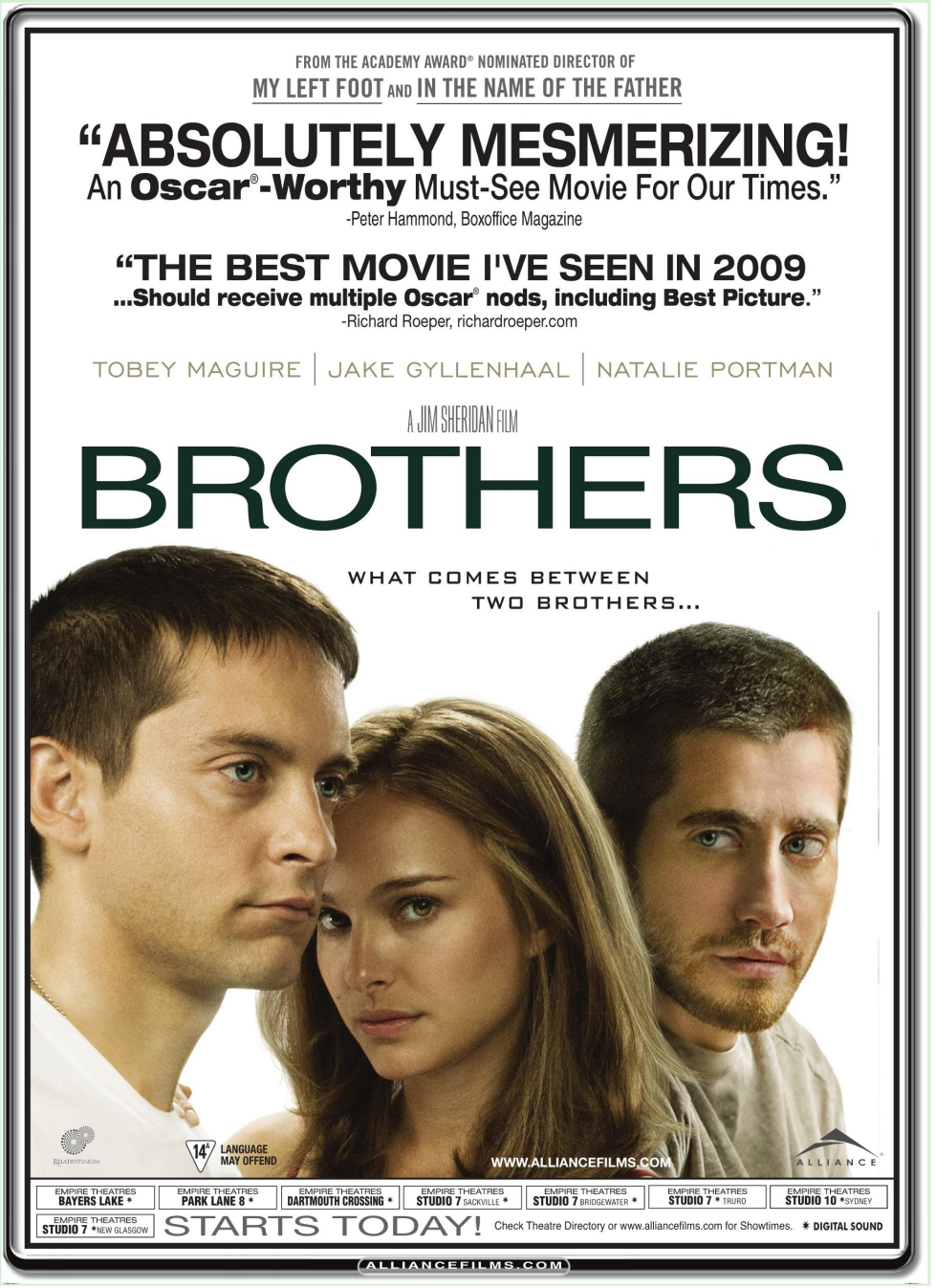
Besides, the film's true intent is already established. By playing down blatant sentimentality and casting DeNiro (who's simply arresting steeped in his own misconceptions about his grown children and his relationship to them), the movie satisfyingly explores the regret and secrets that exist in every family.

Mainly though, this film will be remembered for the restrained performance of DeNiro who, after last year's bust Righteous Kill, looks like he's dramatically returned to form.

That measure notwithstanding, the low-key dramedy of Everybody's Fine will be nothing more than just fine to most.

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For Efron, life's a stage

Teen fave tries meatier role in Me and Orson Welles

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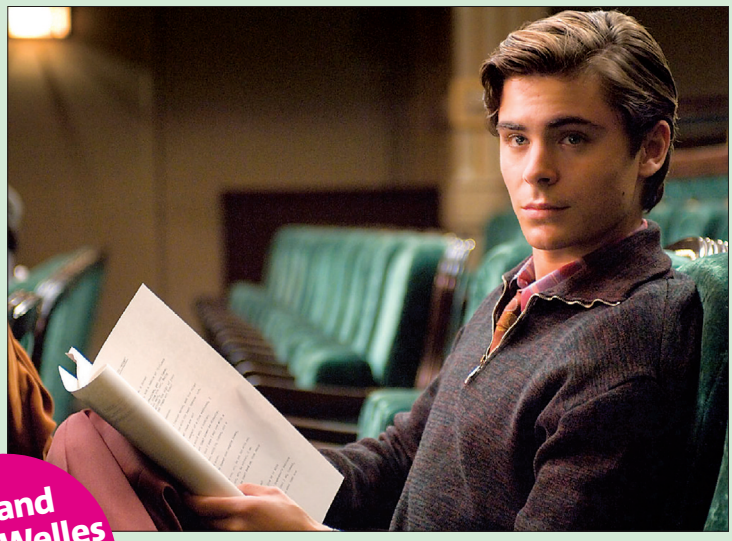
Zac Efron can't seem to shake his High School Musical pedigree — but he's trying.

His first feature outside the franchise, last spring's delightful 17 Again, opened with the young star on the basketball court, brow furrowed just like his Disney trilogy counterpart. And in his latest, Me and Orson Welles, Efron — still paying a high-schooler — wheedles his way into Orson Welles' 1937 production of Julius Caesar by showing off his singing chops.

Luckily, that's about where the similarities end. Efron's character in his new film is set for a much more mature coming-of-age experience, thrusting him into a love triangle with Welles (Christian McKay) and a comely older woman (Claire Danes). But it was the intense backstage world of theater that attracted Efron.

"Essentially what my character does in the movie is everything I did in five years, only he did it in one week and was much cooler," Efron explains. "When you're doing a play, in my experience, there's so much going on and there's so much pressure and such teamwork and such camaraderie, you almost gain this whole other family," he says.

Me and Orson Welles opens next Friday



Heartthrob Zac Efron shows off his acting chops in Me and Orson Welles.

"You can become very wrapped up in your emotions in that. I think I fell in love during every play I did from 12 to 17."

Linklater, who had only seen Efron in Hairspray, admits that he didn't initially think the young actor would work for the part.

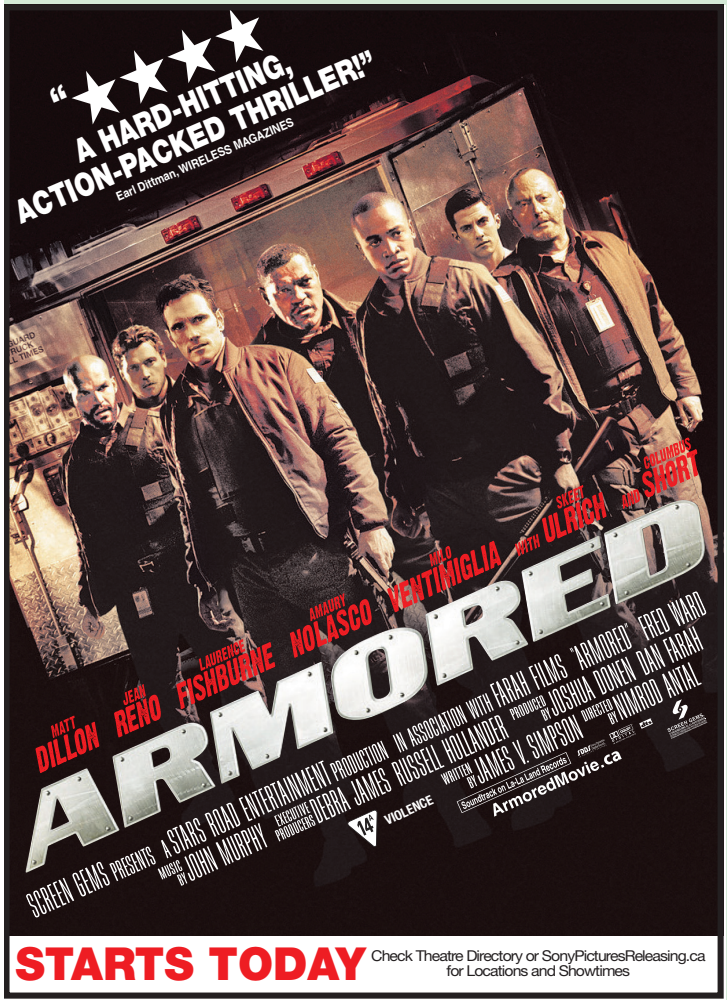
"Frankly, my first impression was that he's almost too good looking," Linklater says. "But in my experience, you can't judge the full range of an actor based on what you've seen them in, so we set up a meeting. A minute or two into the conversation, I knew he would be perfect."

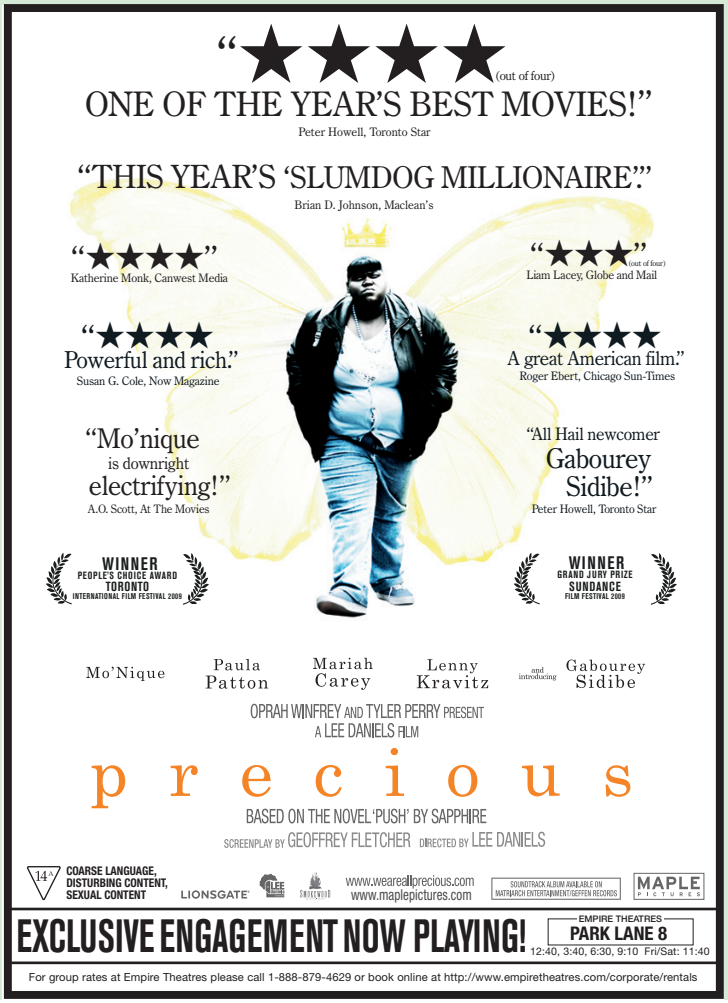
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Richard Linklater

The show-within-a-show aspect of Me and Orson Welles offered Efron the opportunity to expand his experience with Shakespeare, something he didn't necessarily think he needed to do going into it, he admits.

"I found out I didn't know the first thing about Shakespeare," he says.

"I thought I was coming to the table with a decent amount of knowledge — perhaps someone would even ask me a question or two. But I quickly found out that was not the case and I had a lot to learn."





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Dillon's dream come true

Actor works with Hungarian director in Armored

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Matt Dillon has worked with an array of accomplished directors that includes everyone from Francis Ford Coppola to Gus Van Sant to Cameron Crowe. But there's one filmmaker that I bet you'd never have guessed might be on the actor's dream list: Nimród Antal.

Armored opens in theatres today



Matt Dillon stars in Armored.

Nimród who?

"He's a force — that's the first thing that comes to mind," said Dillon recently of the little-known Hungarian who helmed the 2003 subway-themed festival hit Kontroll. "I thought that Kontroll was just an unbelievable, exuberant film really. It's just inspired and so I was predisposed to work with him."

Now with Armored hitting theatres today, audiences will get to witness the collaboration between Dillon and his aspiring director. While its impossible to predict the partnership will pay off, the thriller does show promise as Dillon plays the chief of an armoured car crew that plans an elaborate caper to rob the very treasure he's supposed to be guarding.

"It's funny because it seems like an amped up thing — these guys set out to pull off this $42 million dollar heist and you might think, 'oh, that's a little far-fetched' but it's really not," insisted Dillon. "While we were in pre-production, the director came up to me and said, 'hey, check out this (newspaper) article' and it was an article in which there had just been an inside job armored car heist … so there is a kind of basis in reality."

Once Dillon realized one of the criminals had even been named Dylan (close call!), the coincidence only assured the cast their film was on the right track.

Another indication they were in good territory — the casting of Dillon as a peace officer. After all, although the 45-year-old actor is often typecast in that role, it certainly paid off with an Oscar nomination in Paul Haggis' 2004 drama Crash.

"I'm either playing a cop or I'm on the other side of the law," laughed Dillon, suggesting that he at least gets to play both in Armored.

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Piper on film

Persistent Entertainment is planning on turning comic The Piper into a film, according to the Hollywood Reporter. The movie will concern a bullied high school band student who channels the spirit of the Pied Piper. EW.COM

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Brother vs. brother recipe for drama

InFocus



Richard Crouse

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In the movies often the only thing brothers have in common is a last name. Creating conflict between siblings makes good dramatic sense and it's a practice that harkens back to the very first set of brothers. Would the story of Cain and Abel have as much biblical oomph if the boys got along? I don't think so.

So it is with Tommy and Sam Cahill, played by Jake Gyllenhaal and Tobey Maguire, in this weekend's Brothers.

In the great tradition of movie siblings they're polar opposites; Tommy is an ex-con, Sam is a Marine Captain and former football star. You get the idea. But will Tommy go all Cain on Sam?

You'll have to buy a ticket to find out, but in the meantime here are some other movie brothers who turned out differently than mom and dad may have hoped.

Ricky & Doughboy Baker (Morris Chestnut and Ice Cube) from Boyz N the Hood are opposites, but when Doughboy takes revenge on the people who killed his brother it proves that blood, and bloodshed, is thicker than water.

In The Darjeeling Limited (Jason Schwartzman) asks his brothers Francis (Owen Wilson) and Peter (Adrien Brody), "I wonder if the three of us would've been friends in real life? Not as brothers, but as people."

Good question. You couldn't find a more diverse trio: Francis is a compulsive sad sack, Peter a bundle of manic energy and Jack a collection of jangled nerves. They may never be friends, but by the end of a road trip in India they can at least tolerate one another.

"When brothers agree," the old saying goes, "no fortress is so strong as their common life." But when they disagree, look out.

Just ask Fredo Corleone. The Corleone boys each brought something different to the Godfather trilogy, but it is the "kiss of death" scene in part two between the kindhearted Fredo (John Cazale) and the ruthless Michael (Al Pacino) that gives new meaning to the term sibling rivalry.

"I know it was you Fredo," Michael says. "You broke my heart."

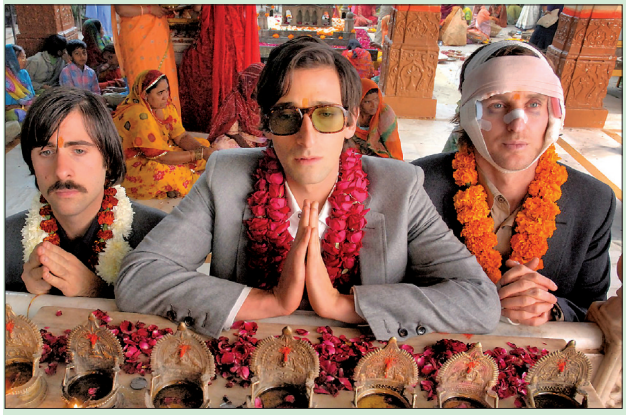
Siblings may not get along but it takes a real grim brother to order a hit on his younger brother.

In Go West Chico Marx summed up the relationship most of these on-screen brothers share.

"You love your brother don't you?" he's asked.

"No, but I'm used to him," he replies.

"Would the story of Cain and Abel have as much biblical oomph if the boys got along? I don't think so."



In The Darjeeling Limited, Jason Schwartzman, from left, Adrien Brody and Owen Wilson play brothers with completely different personalities.

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Oliver Stone targeting greed again



Hollywood filmmaker Oliver Stone is again taking on the financial world in a sequel to 1987's successful Wall Street, but this time he said greed is not only good — it's legal.

Stone just finished filming Wall Street 2 and dropped a few hints while talking to a class at American University this week that focuses on his work.

The movie again stars Michael Douglas as corporate raider Gordon Gekko, a character who preached "greed is good" and earned Douglas an Academy Award in 1988. But this time Gekko takes a back seat to what Stone said are today's financial power players.

"The indiidual Gekko would no longer exist in this new Wall Street," Stone told The Associated Press, referring to the boom before the recent financial meltdown. "The big players now are major banks and hedge funds . . . the money's too big."

In the new film, he said, "greed is now legal."

The Federal Reserve Bank has a role, and Donald Trump has a cameo appearance. The film also touches on current politics, Stone said.

The movie, due out next year, is a complicated but familiar story with greed and envy as central themes, Stone told about 75 students in the Oliver Stone's America course, which also focuses on how popular historical consciousness is shaped.

"Wall Street can be the engine of capitalism" and create opportunity, Stone said to one student. "But they increasingly have not done that because there's more money in speculation."

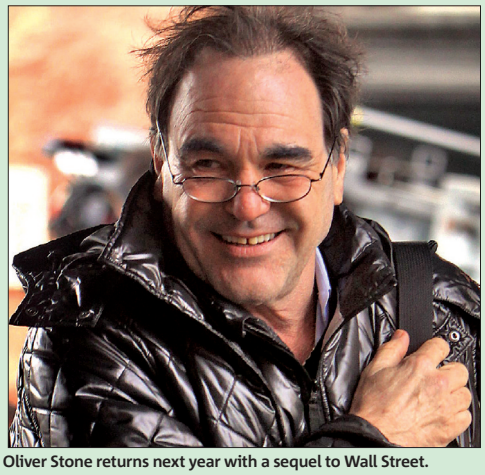
Stone, 63, said he made the first Wall Street for his father, who was a stock broker, and as a symbol of an era of excess that only grew after the 1980s. Millionaires became billionaires in the decades that followed and the U.S. government provided a staggering bailout this year after everything crashed, Stone said.

"I don't think it's healthy," he said, "and I don't think I'm the only one."

True to form, Stone also hammered other parts of society, including the media for not challenging the government enough, the defence industry and President Barack Obama. Ramping up the war in Afghanistan, Stone said, could be the beginning of the end for the United States.

"This is a huge turning point," Stone told the class. "It's ironic a so-called liberal president would be the one to screw the lid on the coffin."

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Oliver Stone returns next year with a sequel to Wall Street.

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The Blind Side (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:20-6:20-9:20
Brothers (14) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:10-4-7-9:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4-7-9:30
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 1-3:50-6:50-9-11:20 Stadium Seating Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9
It Might Get Loud (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 11:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Turandot Encore (STC) Stadium Seating Sat 2
Ninja Assassin (18) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri 1:20-4:15-7:20-9:50-11:59 No Passes, Stadium Seating Sat 7:20-9:50-11:59 No Passes, Stadium Seating Sun 1:20-4:15-7:20-9:50 No Passes, Stadium Seating Mon 4:15-9:50 No Passes, Stadium Seating Tue-Thu 4:15-7:20-9:50
Old Dogs (G) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 1:30-3:45-7:10-9:25 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:30-3:45-7:10-9:25 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10-9:25
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:40-6:30-9:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:40 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:40

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2012 (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 7:20 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:30-7:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 7:20
Armored (14) Stadium Seating Fri 7-9:40 Stadium Seating Sat 1:15-3:50-7-9:40



Stadium Seating Sun 1:15-3:50-6:50-9 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 6:50-9
The Blind Side (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 6:20-9:10 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:20-9:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 6:20-9:10
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Old Dogs (G) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 7:10-9:30 Stadium Seating Sat 1-3:15-7:10-9:30 Stadium Seating Sun 1-3:15-7-9:20 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Planet 51 (STC) Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Stadium Seating Fri 6:30-9:15 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:30-9:15 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 6:30-9:15

DARTMOUTH

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145 Shubie Dr., Dartmouth Crossing
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2012 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:10-4:40-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1:10-4:40-9
Armored (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:30
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Brothers (14) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30-6:20-9:05
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:20-9:50
Everybody's Fine (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-7-10:05
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Turnadot - Encore (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 2
Ninja Assassin (18) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:20-4-7:25-9:40
Old Dogs (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 2-4:50-7:30-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2:15-4:50-7:30-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 2-4:50-7:30-9:45
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The Road (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:30-9:20
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TRURO

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BRIDGEWATER

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349 Lahave St., 902-527-4020

2012 (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat 2-7:30 Sun 2-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:45
Amelia (PG) Fri-Sat 7:10-9:45 Sun-Thu 6:25-9
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 6:40-9:30 Sat 2:20-6:40-9:30 Sun 2:20-5:55-8:45 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:45
Brothers (14) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat 2:35-6:50-9:35 Sun 2:35-6:05-8:50 Mon-Thu 6:05-8:50
Ninja Assassin (18) No Passes Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat 2:25-7:20-9:50 Sun 2:25-6:35-9:05 Mon-Wed 6:35-9:05 Thu 9:05
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Billboard's top albums

1. I Dreamed a Dream, Susan Boyle; 2 My Christmas, Andrea Bocelli; 3 For Your Entertainment, Adam Lambert; 4. Rated, Rihanna; 5. The Fame Monster (EP), Lady Gaga. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Milman's easy love

BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Canada

The eclectic Sophie Milman calls jazz and Canada her two constants.

After a whirlwind tour around the world, the Toronto-via-Israel-via-Russia chanteuse is touring Canada in support of her third album, Take Love Easy, a collection of covers that include jazz, swing and contemporary classics such as Cole Porter's Love For Sale, Bruce Springsteen's I'm On Fire and Paul Simon's 50 Ways To Leave Your Lover.



Sophie Milman's Take Love Easy is a collection of covers.

Expect to hear the aforementioned songs among the many subdued covers to which she'll apply her sultry, husky vocals. It's Milman's modus operandi and it has worked well so far in the five years since she launched her self-titled debut. She sang to packed houses all over the world, including the Kennedy Center, the Hollywood Bowl and New York's Blue Note Club. She also won a Juno Award for 2007's Make Someone Happy after it broke into the top 5 on the Billboard jazz chart.

As for scribing her own tunes? Forget it for now, says Milman. She's perfectly comfortable applying her own style to previous works.

"My husband says I can't rhyme," she laughs. "And that's pretty important. I haven't really been driven to write and I don't want to force things. When artists force things, it reflects in their work. I like to let things play out organically. I'm not saying I wouldn't attempt it, but I haven't had the desire to try."

Fair enough then, she'll stick to the covers, and one of her favourites is the much covered Bein' Green, a song originally sung by long-suffering Muppet Kermit the Frog which makes an appearance on Make Someone Happy. The song, she says, is an allegory for her life. Milman spent a great deal of her childhood in Israel as an immigrant from the Soviet Union, where she developed a passion and a talent for jazz.

Growing up as a foreigner (Jewish herself, Milman notes the Soviet Union looked somewhat disparagingly at any citizen who wasn't of pure Russian stock), Milman felt alienated until the family moved to Canada, where she used her music to build friendships and a career.

"Story of my life, that song," she says. "But it all worked out in the end for me, just like it did for Kermit. I found my Rainbow Connection."

A decade that changed music

SoundCheck



With just 28 days to go in the first decade of the 21st century, we still haven't figured out what to call the last ten years. The Zeros? The Noughts?

Whatever the case, 'tis a time of reflection and wonder. On Dec. 4, 1999, there was no such thing as Red Bull, PVRs and the Toyota Prius. We could still visit the observation deck at the World Trade Center and shop at Pets.com. The changes in music since then have been seismic.

Napster (Introduced June 1, 1999): Offered to 30 acquaintances by 19 year-old Shawn Fanning, it gave free file-sharing to people who wanted more music than they could afford to buy. Despite their aggressive litigiousness, the recording industry has been irrevocably changed.

iTunes (January 9, 2001): While the record labels were arguing over what to do about digital downloads, Steve Jobs stepped in with an elegant a la carte 99-cent-per-track solution. iTunes is now the biggest single retailer of music in the world.

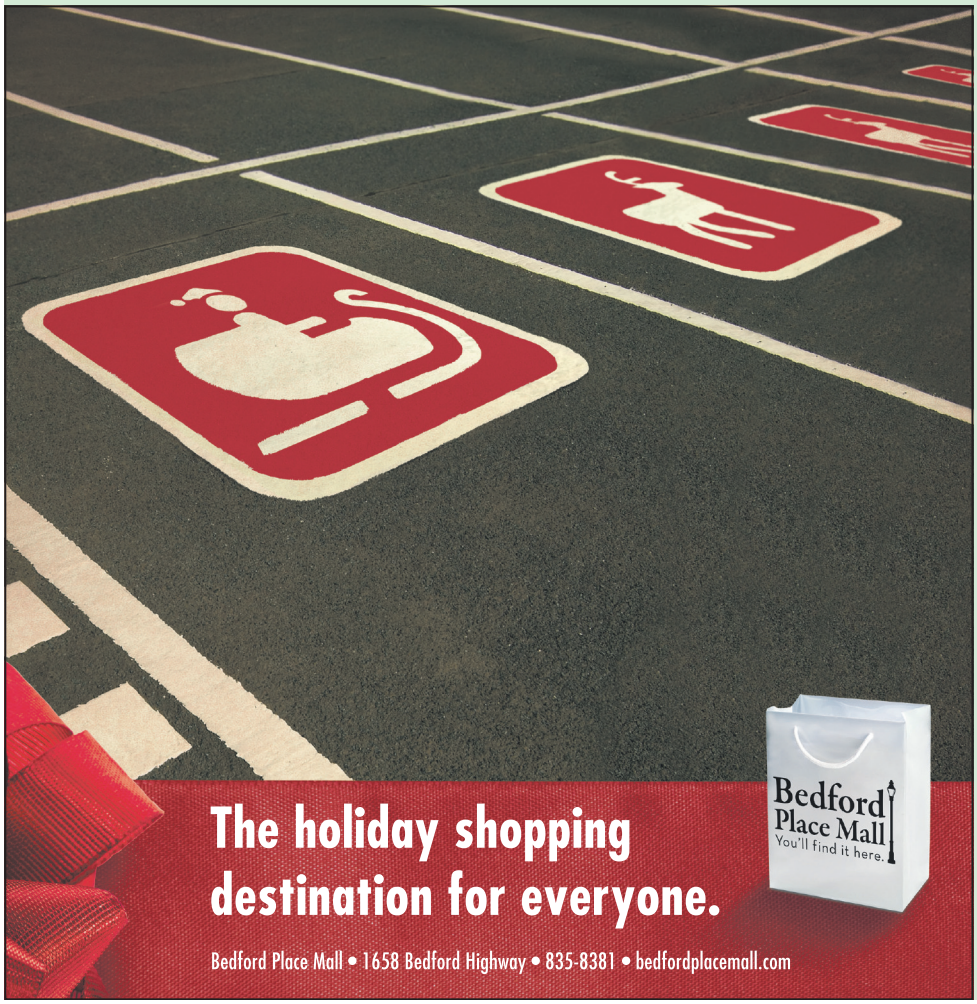
Wikipedia (January 15, 2001): Once upon a time we had to rely on quickly outdated magazines and books for information on our favourite music. Then Geocities-hosted fan sites became repositories of valuable information.

The iPod (October 23, 2001): Unveiled in the post 9/11 fog, the original Mac-only iPod was exponentially better than any of the MP3 players that had come before it. And because they had already accepted iTunes, the record labels didn't go to war with Apple over it.

YouTube (February 2005): MuchMusic and MTV used to be the primary sources for music videos. Today, they barely bother. Meanwhile, search for just about any song or any video on YouTube and you'll almost certainly find it instantly. Google, YouTube's parent boasts they get a billion views a day.

My, how much can change in just a few years.

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Lambert let go from show lineups

Adam Lambert's scandalous American Music Awards performance is still wreaking havoc on his schedule, as the ex-American Idol star says he's been canned from two future ABC performances, including one on New Year's Eve. PEOPLE.COM

Television

Alice packs a punch in Wonderland

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

The new Alice In Wonderland isn't some blond girl getting bounced from adventure to adventure. She's a horse-riding, judo-trained twentysomething brunette who doesn't take bull from no Queen or Cheshire Cat.

"Oh god. There was a lot of running, and flying, and fighting and falling into lakes," says Caterina Scorsone, who stars in this adult reworking of the Lewis Carroll classic.

"It's probably day-for-day, the most physical thing I've been involved with."

The Toronto-born Scorsone — whose credits include TV series like Power Play, Crash, and the upcoming Mel Gibson film Edge of Darkness — isn't sure how she beat out 500 actresses for the coveted role of Alice. Truth is, she didn't even meet director Nick Willing (Tin Man) till the project was close to filming.

"I guess Nick had been turning over every rock looking for an Alice. I put something to tape and sent it into their offices. He saw it and I was flown in to meet him. Four days later I got the part. It was great that it was so quick. I didn't have time to be intimidated."

Feeling intimidated must have been hard to avoid on the B.C.-shot Alice. The miniseries features a supporting cast that includes Kathy Bates, Harry Dean Stanton, Colm Meaney and Tim Curry.

"I think what attracted all these talented people was the script. We knew going in it was fantasy sci-fi, so there would be a lot of special effects and green screen.

"But the actual story and characters were strong enough on the page that you wanted to do it."

Now based out of Los Angeles, the 28-year-old Scorsone frequently makes it back to Canada, where she first got her start as a kid actor on — get this — Mr. Dressup.

The two part Alice airs Sunday and Monday night on Showcase.

"That was a healthy way to start out an acting career. I'd just show up and sing and dress-up. It wasn't some dark, brooding drama," she laughs.

"Sometimes it feels like I work more in Canada than the U.S. Which is fine. Toronto is one of my favourite cities in the world."



Toronto-born Caterina Scorsone beat out 500 other actresses to play the lead in the upcoming Alice in Wonderland miniseries.

Canadian films find buyers

INDUSTRY Telefilm Canada says homegrown TV producers and filmmakers landed about $85 million in foreign sales last year.

The federal agency says that's up roughly 21 per cent from the previous year, but notes the majority of sales were based on negotiations that had not yet closed at the time of its survey.

The figures are contained in Telefilm's 2008 International Markets report, released today.

Some of Canada's biggest TV hits in recent years have involved high-profile foreign sales and co-productions, like CTV's "Flashpoint," also airing on CBS, and CBC's Irish co-production, "The Tudors."

Much of that success appeared to come at MIPTV, the annual international TV market in Cannes, France, where 96 per cent of Canadian participants said they scored deals. They reported sales worth roughly $5.2 million.

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FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 12/4/09	31	31	31 ABC	News Center	ABC News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Celebration of Disney		Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)		20/20
	7	7	7 ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	*Notting Hill* ★★ (1999, Romance-Comedy) Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant.				
	11	11	11 CBC	Wheel Fortune	Montreal Canadians 100th Anniversary			NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)				
	32	32	32 CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Patriots All Access		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS (N)
	6	6	6 CIHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		Dollhouse "The Public Eye; The Left Hand" (N)				News Final (N)
	9	9	9 CJCH	etalk	Access H.	The Beatles on Record		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		News
	36	36	36 FOX	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Dollhouse "The Public Eye; The Left Hand" (N)				Fox First
	12	12	12 NBC	News	NBC News	Access H.	Extra (N)	Muppets Christmas: Letters		Dateline NBC (N)		Jay Leno
sports	55	55	55 SCOR	HSR	Covers	Pokerstars Caribbean Adv.		WWE SmackDown!				MMA Night
	53	53	53 TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Washington Wizards.					SportsCentre	
cable variety	16	16	16 A&E	The First 48 (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	70	70	70 APTN	APTN News	Investigates	Fish Out	Blessings	Cashing In	Rabbit Fall	*Lone Hero* ★★ (2002, Action)		
	37	37	37 BRVO	Wind at My Back		Pushing-Art-Reservations		Bravo!FACT	Cover Stories	White Collar "All In"		Dexter
	49	49	49 COM	Just for Laughs		Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy Now
	18	18	18 CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		CNN Tonight (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
	~~38~~	~~38~~	~~38 DISC~~	~~How It's Made~~	~~How It's Made~~	~~Daily Planet (N)~~		Canada's Worst Driver		Man vs. Wild "Belize"		Biblical Myst.
	34	48	48 HGTV	Extreme Makeover: Home		House	Property	House	Green Homes	Relocation, Relocation		House
	46	46	46 HIST	Go Deep (HDTV)		Battles BC		Cold Blood		When Disaster Strikes		Underworld
	17	17	17 MM	Secret Life of American Teen		Secret Life of American Teen		The Vampire Diaries		*Raising Helen* (2004, Comedy-Drama)		
	206	206	206 PIX	(5:30) *Any Given Sunday*		(8:15) *Replikator* ★ (1994, Science Fiction)				*The Hours* ★★★ (2002, Drama)		
	39	39	39 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits		Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Law Order
	40	40	40 SLICE	Vanity Insanity "Recut"		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part
	21	21	21 TLC	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Happily Ever
	22	22	22 W	House-Sell	Confidential	*Snow*				*What Lies Beneath* ★★ (2000, Suspense)		
	27	27	27 YTV	iCarly	To Be Indie	*Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh* (2008, Comedy)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	That's-Weird

SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 12/5/09	31	31	31 ABC	College Football		NewsCenter 5	Inside Edition	College Football Big 12 Championship -- Nebraska vs. Texas. (HDTV) (Live)				
	7	7	7 ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Watching Movies		*The Magician's House: Secret Cavern* (1999, Fantasy)				Whistler
	11	11	11 CBC	National	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins. From TD Garden in Boston.						NHL Hockey
	32	32	32 CBS	College Football: SEC Championship			Jeopardy!	Medium (HDTV)		CSI: NY "Help" (HDTV)		48 Hours.
	6	6	6 CIHF	renegade	Jane Show	Project Runway Canada		*Mistaken* (2008, Suspense) Lana Parrilla.				News Final (N)
	9	9	9 CJCH	Shrek/Halls	Corner Gas	*Anne of Green Gables: A New Beginning* (2008, Drama) Shirley MacLaine. (DVS)						News
	36	36	36 FOX	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
	12	12	12 NBC	News	NBC News	Paid Program	Paid Program	Parks-Recreat	*The Incredibles* ★★★ (2004, Adventure)			
sports	55	55	55 SCOR	MMA Show	Footy Show	WWE Vintage Collection		College Football ACC Championship: Clemson vs. Georgia Tech.				
	53	53	53 TSN	SportsCentre (HDTV)		30 for 30 (HDTV)		NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Chicago Bulls. (HDTV) (Live)				
cable variety	16	16	16 A&E	CSI: Miami "Burned"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	70	70	70 APTN	Over the Bolts	The Mix	MYTV	Aboriginal Day	Music Speaks	Blackfly	*Being John Malkovich* (1999, Comedy)		
	37	37	37 BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Spectacle: Elvis		Star Portraits	Books-Film	*Fargo* ★★★ (1996, Suspense)		
	49	49	49 COM	VIP	Bet Your Ass	Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Corner Gas	Jeff Dunham	The Simpsons	South Park	Dennis Leary
	18	18	18 CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Newsroom		Black in America "Tomorrow's Leaders"				Newsroom
	38	38	38 DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Canada's Worst Driver		Time Warp
	34	48	48 HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Handyman Superstar		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Property	Property	Makeover
	46	46	46 HIST	Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Ultimate Engineering		Cities of the Underworld		*Nixon* ★★★ (1995, Biography)		
	17	17	17 MM	Gossip Girl (HDTV)		*Raising Helen* ★★ (2004, Comedy-Drama)				Muchmusic Countdown		
	206	206	206 PIX	(6) *Hardball* ★ (2001)		(7:50) *Air Force One* ★★★ (1997, Suspense)				*The Portrait of a Lady* (1996, Drama)		
	39	39	39 SHOW	*The Invasion*	About a Girl	The Guard		*The Christmas Choir* (2008, Drama) Jason Gedrick.				*The Invasion*
	40	40	40 SLICE	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives of Jersey		Real Housewives-Atlanta		Real Housewives NYC		Runway
	21	21	21 TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Kidnapped for 18 Years		On the Case, Paula Zahn		On the Case
	22	22	22 W	Hwd 10 Best		*The Lake House* ★★ (2006, Romance) Keanu Reeves, Sandra Bullock.				*Just Like Heaven* (2005, Romance-Comedy)		
	27	27	27 YTV	*Blizzard* ★★ (2003, Fantasy) Brenda Blethyn.				Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Sorry	Survive This

SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime 12/6/09	31	31	31 ABC	News Center	ABC News	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
	7	7	7 ASN	The Road to Avonlea		TMZ (N)		*The Italian Job* ★★★ (2003, Crime Drama) Mark Wahlberg.				
	11	11	11 CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		*Happy Feet* ★★★ (2006, Adventure) Brittany Murphy				CBC News: The National (N)		fifth estate
	32	32	32 CBS	Evening News	WBZ News (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 15		Cold Case "Forensics"		NCIS: LA
	6	6	6 CIHF	16:9 Picture	Prod. Parker	Brothers & Sisters (N)		The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	News Final (N)
	9	9	9 CJCH	Flashpoint		Cold Case "Forensics"		The Amazing Race 15		Desperate Housewives		News
	36	36	36 FOX	NFL Football: Cowboys at Giants			The OT	BCS Selection	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
	12	12	12 NBC	News	NBC News	Football Night in America		(9:15) NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Arizona Cardinals.				
sports	55	55	55 SCOR	(6) NFL Blitz		The WWE Experience		MMA Fight Night				Pokerstars
	53	53	53 TSN	SportsCentre		Football Night in America		(9:15) NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Arizona Cardinals.				
cable variety	16	16	16 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds "Lucky"		Criminal
	70	70	70 APTN	APTN InFocus	Investigates	Aboriginal Day	The Mix	Arbor Live Sixx:AM performs.		*Rabbit-Proof Fence* ★★★ (2002, Drama)		
	37	37	37 BRVO	Spectacle: Elvis		Arts & Minds	Bravo!FACT	Museum Maestros		*About a Boy* (2002, Comedy-Drama)		
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High prices for threatened animals

According to the World Wildlife Fund, the highest prices on the black market are paid for the most threatened species and in these cases, it is often special orders from collectors. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Pantanal is the largest wetland in the world. Locals credit tourism for the growing understanding of their environment.

Tourism helping environment

LOTTA IMBERG
Metro World News

Feeling guilty about vacationing abroad? No more. As an eco-tourist you can actually make a difference for the environment.

"Eco-tourism can save threatened areas," says zoologist Lars-åke Janzon

In Pantanal, Brazil, the world's largest wetland, tourism has contributed to more sustainable living conditions for its birds and animals.

"Thanks to tourism people in this area understand the value in preserving the unique environment." André von Thuronyi

"Thanks to tourism people in this area understand the value in preserving the unique environment," says André von Thuronyi.

He runs Araras Ecolodge in northern Pantanal where he has been guiding tourists for more than 30 years. He says people's attitudes have changed during the years.

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"Before, the farmers shot jaguars and pumas to protect their livestock. Parrots that ate fruit in gardens were captured and sold, caymans were made into shoes and bags. Tourism has made a difference," he said.



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Vanessa Farquharson, a Canadian journalist, committed to living green for one year.

Committing to a green life

CELIA PEDROSO
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Switching off her fridge, Vanessa Farquharson, a Canadian journalist, committed herself to 366 green changes for one year.

"I came up with the idea to overhaul my life in the most extreme green way possible and document what was and wasn't possible for other readers," said the author of Sleeping Naked is Green.

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Can you explain the book title?

The idea is that if you aren't using pyjamas, you're creating less laundry and therefore require less detergent and water.

You did things like sell your car and gave up tampons. Are you still doing it?

I'm still keeping up about 75 per cent of my changes, but have let some things slide – I'll eat imported avocados now, for example, and blow my nose in disposable kleenex

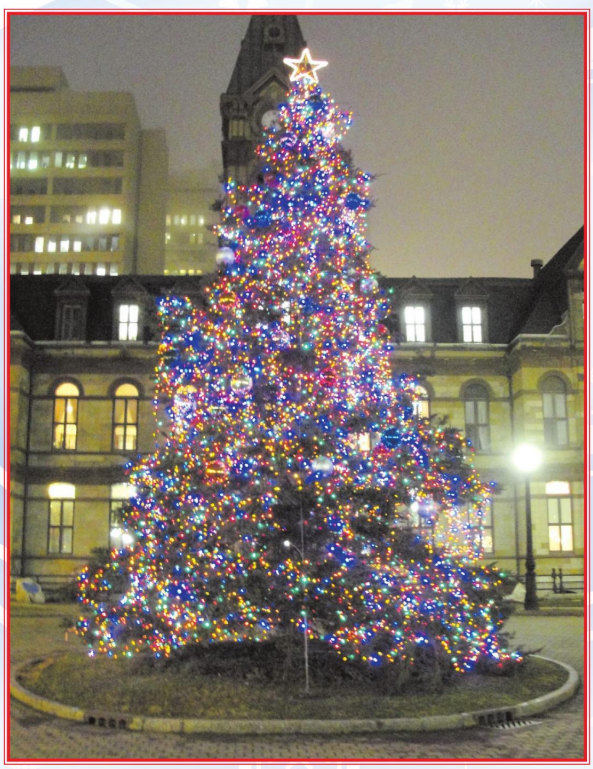
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I usually just looked around the room.

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"There are lots of ways to reduce your energy use and save money over the holidays," said Alan Richardson, Vice President of Integrated Customer Services for Nova Scotia Power. "LED lights are a perfect way to get in the spirit and avoid excess power use."

LED holiday lights use 90 per cent less electricity and last 10 times longer than traditional glass lights. They are also safer because they produce very little heat, reducing the risk of fire.

"If you're buying gifts and considering home appliances or consumer electronics, you should keep an eye out for the ENERGY STAR® logo and also look for products that don't draw phantom loads," Richardson added.

Products bearing the ENERGY STAR® logo are designed to use less power than competing products that haven't received the designation. The program is administered by Natural Resources Canada.

"Phantom load" refers to the electricity drawn by many electronic devices even while they are "turned off." In standby mode, TVs, computers and other electronics can draw as much power as a light bulb.

Many newer electronics are equipped with on/off switches, different from the power button, so that when you turn it off there is no phantom load. For products without that option, you can eliminate phantom load by connecting your electronics to a power bar. When you turn off the power bar, you can ensure no electricity is being used unnecessarily.

Many Nova Scotians dream of a white Christmas, but whatever your tradition is, you can easily make your holiday a green one. For more energy saving tips check out nspower.ca/energysavings

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Climate refugees coming

According to the UN the Sahel Belt South of Sahara is one of the areas where are large amount of the population could end up being climate refugees. People live on the edge of existence, so even small changes could have a dramatic impact. METRO WORLD NEWS

Climate refugees living on the edge

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ESTIMATES According to the UN the Sahel Belt South of Sahara is one of the areas where large amount of the population could end up being climate refugees.

Already people live on the edge of existence, so even small changes could have a dramatic impact.

In 2050 it is estimated that as many as a billion people could be classified as climate change refugees.



Climate refugees have no status as refugees and can't get help.

Less dramatic estimates puts the number at 150 million people.

Climate refugees have no status as refugees and are therefore not entitled to help.

People flee climate change for several reasons, depending on the country they come from: Hurricanes, typhoons, famines, droughts, floods, landslides, wars over the resources. METRO WORLD NEWS



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El Hadj Ali Mago is a wealthy man by local standards — owning over 100 cows.

Millions fleeing climate change

Migration catastrophe nears in Niger

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El Hadj Ali Mago has his own definition of happiness: To see his family, his tribe and his cattle thrive and not having to move from place-to-place find enough grassland for the cattle.

This year his chances of happiness are slim. Here, at the edge of the Sahara desert in Niger, the rainy season stopped some weeks ago. There should be new, tall and green grass, the cattle — the foundation of both wealth and health here — should be in peak condition.

But the grass is almost non-existent, only little patches of short, yellow straws are scattered in the sand. And the ribs on the cattle are seen clearly.

"We may have to move, at least some of us. And I will have to sell some of the cattle, so we have chance of buying millet for people and food for the remaining cows," Ali Mago explains.

Large parts of the Sahel Region, the semi-dry area just below Sahara, are threatened this year, according to the UN. Drought and famine are familiar crisis to Ali Mago and the other inhabitants of Niger. They are used to adapting to the climate. But in last few years it has changed.

"We would have a serious drought in this region every five or ten years. Now, the frequency is increasing, and there are only three years between the droughts in some areas. It doesn't give the population time to recover, to adapt," explains climate consultant Awaiss Yahaya from Care Niger.

But everywhere in the region empty remains of windblown villages speak of people who didn't come back. Sometimes there is nothing to come back to.

Sadly, the last adaption to climate change is flight.



50 50 million will be the total of climate refugees in just a couple of years, according to some reports.

Nepal leads the world in temperature rise
The temperature is rising faster in Nepal than anywhere else in the world. Experts are fearing floods, droughts and lost crops will become the norm in just a few years time. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Glacial melt threatening rural Nepal life

SUSANNE SAYERS
Metro World News

Chickens run around in the street in the village of Marpha. That seems natural enough.

The tiny place in the shade of the mighty Annapurna Range in Nepal is very much a rural society.

But the way that the chickens behave is new and worrying, says Kamal Adhicari who has grown up in this area.

"It used to be too cold here for chickens to run around in the autumn. They would stay indoors. Now, temperatures have risen."

"When I was a child we would get a lot of snow, sometimes more than 10 feet. This year we had no snow at all." Kamal Adhicari

The winters have always been white with lots of snow.

"When I was a child we would get a lot of snow, sometimes more than 10 feet. This year we had no snow at all," says Adhicari.

The glaciers feed almost all of the major rivers of Asia. More than one billion people are dependent on them. Right now they are melting fast, threatening lower regions in both Nepal and neighbouring countries with floods, just like both the population and the authorities are deeply concerned increased catastrophes.

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Climate adviser recalls Nepal's white peaks

COP15 In the office of Care in Nepal, climate advisor Maksha Ram Maharjan is preparing himself to go the COP 15.

He will be there to stress the problems of Nepal and the whole Himalaya Region, explaining how the receding glaciers threaten a large amount of the population in Asia.

He looks out of the window and points to the peaks that can be seen in the distance:

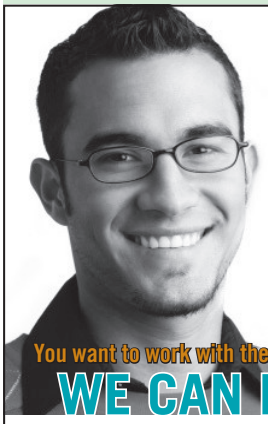
"As a child I used to sit with my mother and look at the white mountains, and we would imagine they looked like animals or other things, just like people try to see different shapes in clouds. So we would find a white sheep or a heron ... now the peaks are black."

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10 10 of the largest rivers in Asia get their water from the more than 15,000 glaciers in Himalaya. 1.3 billion people are dependent on them. METRO WORLD NEWS





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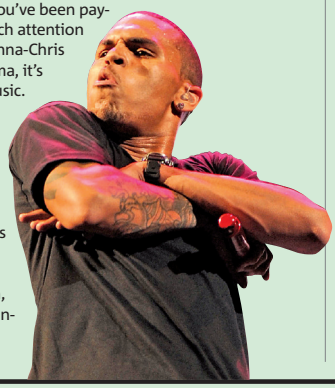
FILM This remake of a 2004 Danish film has all the stuff Oscar baits are made of. Director Jim Sheridan is an Academy heavyweight with six nominations under his belt. The story about a soldier who returns from Afghanistan with deep emotional wounds has gravitas and topicality. Stars Tobey Maguire, Natalie Portman and Jake Gyllenhaal .

2 Public Enemies



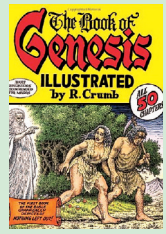
DVD John Dillinger has never looked cooler on screen. Johnny Depp plays the Depression-era gangster in the Michael Mann film, which has some of the best gunfights ever committed to film — the kind in which you can feel the bullets stick. You may never want to go near a gun again.

3 Graffiti: Chris Brown



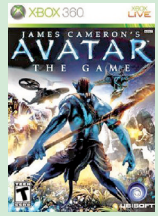
ALBUM If you've been paying too much attention to the Rihanna-Chris Brown drama, it's time you faced the music. A week after the Umbrella Girl's new album Rated R comes Brown's bid to get back the R&B crown he's so close to losing. Of particular interest is the song Famous Girl, which according to many is about — yeah, you guessed it — Rihanna.

4 The Book of Genesis Illustrated by R. Crumb



BOOK Watch out all ye faithfuls! The agent provocateur of the comic world reworks the biblical origin story through his characteristic doodles in this 214-page book. Expect plenty of below-the-belt humour and near-pornographic artwork.

5 Avatar: The Game



GAME Avatar The Film is being touted as the future of movies. And Avatar The Game is being hyped as the future of movie games. Developed by Montreal studio Ubisoft, the game is the first to use stereoscopic 3-D and works as a prequel to the film, which hits theatres Dec. 18.

6 Muppets Bohemian Rhapsody

VIDEO Much like the Muppets took Manhattan, they have taken the web. Since debuting last week, the Muppet parody of the classic music video of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody has been viewed more than 8.6 million times on YouTube. Now there's a Twitter feed and Facebook page as well.

7 Tareq and Michaele Salahi

COUPLE The most famous gatecrashers in history are also currently one of the most talked about people in North America. A Salahi reality TV show can't be far behind.

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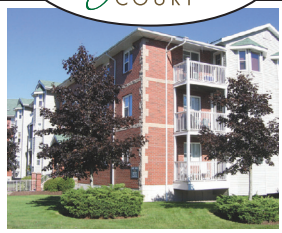
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Bowler's True Blood role
Grant Bowler, fondly remembered as Wilhelmina's lamster lover Connor Owens on Ugly Betty, has been tapped to play Coot, the leader of a pack of werewolf bikers on the HBO series True Blood. EW.COM

Polanski moved to undisclosed area

Authorities acted to protect Roman Polanski from public attention Thursday by moving him from a Zurich area jail to an undisclosed location before his transfer to house arrest in the Swiss Alps.

Polanski was taken from the jail in Winterthur for "security reasons and personal protection," Justice Ministry spokesman Folco Galli said.

Galli declined to say where the 76-year-old director was being held. But he told The Associated Press that Polanski was still expected to be taken to his chalet in the luxury resort of Gstaad on Friday afternoon.

"This doesn't change anything in principle," Galli said. "He will still be transferred tomorrow."

Polanski won't be allowed to leave his house while Switzerland decides whether to extradite him to the U.S. for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl. He will have to wear an electronic monitoring bracelet.

The director of such film classics as Rosemary's Baby, Chinatown and The Pianist has been in Swiss custody since being arrested Sept. 26 on a U.S. warrant as he arrived in Zurich to receive a lifetime achievement award at a film festival. Authorities in Los Angeles want him returned to be sentenced after 31 years as a fugitive.

Polanski was initially accused of raping the girl after plying her with champagne and a Quaalude pill during a modeling shoot in 1977. He was indicted on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, child molestation and sodomy, but he pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of unlawful sexual intercourse. In exchange, the judge agreed to drop the remaining charges and sent him to prison for a 90-day psychiatric evaluation.

The evaluator released Polanski after 42 days, but the judge said he was going to send him back to serve out the 90 days. The filmmaker fled the U.S. on Feb. 1, 1978, the day he was to be formally sentenced. He has lived since then in France.

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Film director Roman Polanski has been moved to an undisclosed location by authorities, the Swiss ministry of justice said.

Mix of Six

A Christmas Carol
When: Through Jan. 3
Where: Neptune Theatre
A musical version of the holiday classic. For ticket information and showtimes, visit neptunetheatre.com.

George Canyon
When: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: The Schooner Room, Casino Nova Scotia
This country music star from Pictou County is helping people get in the holiday spirit by performing a Christmas show on back-to-back nights.

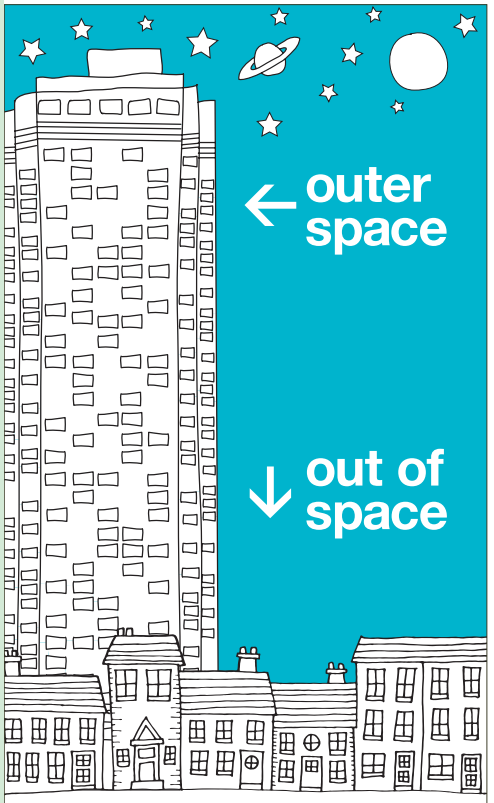
The Nutcracker
When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium
This annual Symphony Nova Scotia production is a holiday ballet filled with giant, colourful puppets and beautiful music.

Matthew Good
When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Cunard Centre
This Canadian rocker is coming to Halifax in support his new album Vancouver. Tickets are $30 each.

Dartmouth Tree Lighting
When: Saturday, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Sullivan's Pond
Besides the lighting of the Christmas tree, there will also be live music, fireworks and an appearance by Santa Claus himself.

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Has Kings of Leon singer found somebody he can use?

Three weeks after her split with country singer Chuck Wicks, Julianne Hough was spotted with Kings of Leon's Jared Followill at a Nashville bar. The pair cuddled at the Lipstick Lounge Tuesday night, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Are Jude and Sienna an item once again?

HE JUST CAN'T QUIT HER Jude Law and Sienna Miller have been denying they're back together, but sources say things have gotten very serious once again.

"Jude has told his ex-wife Sadie (Frost) that Sienna is back in his life," a source says, according to Hollyscoop. On top of that, Miller was spotted leaving Law's apartment just minutes after him one morning this week.

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Celebrity tweets

Today everyone has a different reaction to the Tiger Woods scandal: Reggie Bush goes after the other woman, Jeremy Piven doesn't want to talk about it, Jim Carrey tries some new material, and Ciara thinks the whole country has a problem..

@reggie_bush
This TRICK tryng 2 get famous off Tiger but funny thing is in a few weeks nobody will know her name! Then it's back 2 reality sweety! Lol!

@jeremypiven
Just move on, let Tiger out of the woods.

@JimCarrey
type quickly...must be 1st to say it! "Tiger... next time use a driver!" if u you didn't love that joke someone has stolen my phone.

@ciara
It seems like cheating is the new trend, and if you dont do it, it aint cool. what the hello is happening in America!!??

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Portman admits to trying pot

TOKIN' ACTRESS Natalie Portman has confessed to smoking cannabis, female-first.co.uk reports. The actress tried the drug in her 20s because she missed out on the usual experimental teenage experiences because she was making movies from the age of 11.

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Ronnie Wood arrested for assault

OUT OF CONTROL? Ronnie Wood of the Rolling Stones was released on bail yesterday after being arrested for possible assault in southern England, police and his spokesman said.

Police in Surrey said a 62-year-old man from the town of Esher was arrested Wednesday night on suspicion of assault in connection with a domestic incident on Claygate High Street, south of London.

Police said he was bailed out on yesterday and he will face further inquiries in January.

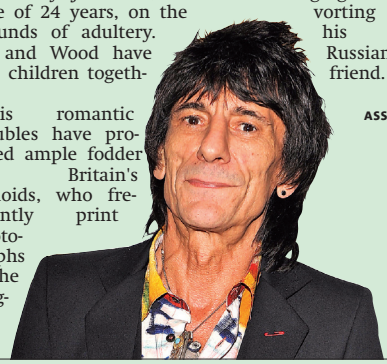
They did not release any details about the incident.

"I can confirm that there was an incident last night and that Ronnie Wood was arrested," said David Rigg, Wood's spokesman. "He has since been released on police bail."

Wood's private life has been in turmoil for more than a year since he started a relationship with Russian Ekaterina Ivanova. That led to his divorce last month by Jo Wood, his wife of 24 years, on the grounds of adultery. He and Wood have two children together.

His romantic troubles have provided ample fodder for Britain's tabloids, who frequently print photographs of the craggy, aging rocker cavorting with his young Russian girlfriend.

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Farrah's son cleaning up his act

HE'S GOT A GUARDIAN *ANGEL* Farrah Fawcett's son is said to be making good progress in his treatment for drug addiction, female-first.co.uk reports.

Redmond O'Neal — son of the late actress and her long-term partner Ryan O'Neal — was praised by judge Michael Tynan on Wednesday for his efforts to get clean.

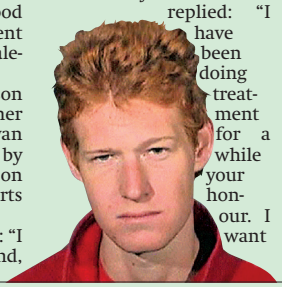
The judge told O'Neal: "I told you to turn it around, and it looks like you did."

The 24-year-old actor replied: "I have been doing treatment for a while your honour. I want to do something different. I want to stay clean."

O'Neal — who has a history of drug problems – was arrested in September 2008 along with his father after authorities found methamphetamine at the actor's Malibu home.

The aspiring actor was then arrested in April this year for taking drugs into jail.

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Brady mum on gender of child

WHATEVER IT IS, I WOULD LIKE TO TRADE PLACES WITH IT Tom Brady and Gisele Bundchen are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first child, due this month, though only Brady knows if it's a boy or a girl.

"I wanted to find out and she didn't, so she said, 'Go ahead.' It will be a surprise for her," he tells WEEI Sports Radio. "I'm really the only one that knows at this point. My dad asked me. I haven't told him. It's a pretty good feeling knowing something that no one else knows."

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Did Orlando Bloom strip down in a Vegas restaurant?

SHOWOFFS Orlando Bloom must have been inspired by his Las Vegas surroundings because he put on a little show himself while dining with girlfriend Miranda Kerr at Palazzo's restaurant, baring a bit of flesh after an unfortunate encounter with a fellow diner's cocktail.

"A drink was accidentally spilled on Bloom's shirt," a source tells Page Six. "Within 30 minutes, someone arrived with three brand-new shirts." Instead of slipping off to the restroom, Bloom made his choice at the table. "He took his stained shirt off and let everyone catch a glimpse of his body before putting on a white shirt."

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Baxter's TV hubby speaks out about her revelation

FAMILY TIES The first person to laud Meredith Baxter for her decision to come out publicly as a lesbian is her TV husband, Michael Gross, people.com reports.

"She's one of my favorite people in the world, and I'm just thrilled that it's no longer a secret, and that's about the size of it," says Gross, who played the dad on the 1980s sitcom Family Ties.

Gross, 62, has known about Baxter's sexuality for four years, and he counts the actress, also 62, among his best friends.

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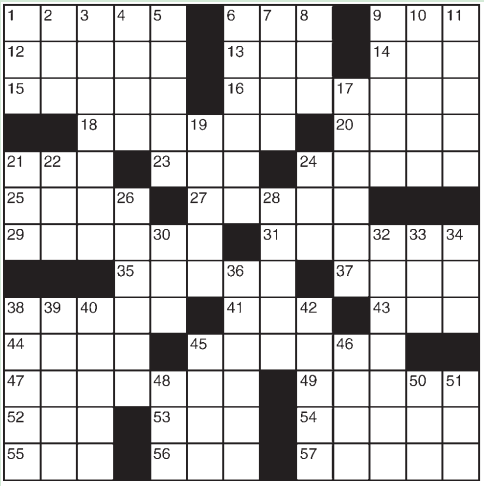




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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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1	7	2	5	6	8	9	4	3

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Italian Cheese Polenta with Quick Ratatouille

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
1 red onion, thin wedges
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 red pepper, sliced
1 zucchini, small chunks
1 eggplant, small chunks
1 chili pepper, seeded and sliced
4 cups (1 l) boiling water
7 oz (200 g) polenta
5 oz (150 g) dolcelatte cheese, cubed
14 oz (398 ml) can chopped tomatoes with basil
1/2 oz (15 g) fresh basil, torn

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large pot over medium heat and add onion, garlic, pepper, zucchini, eggplant and chili pepper. Cover; cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables begin to soften. Add salt and ground black pepper.
2. Meanwhile, put boiling water in large nonstick pot, bring to boil and add 1 tsp (5 ml) salt. Stir polenta into water with wooden spoon.
3. Lower heat and stir briskly until polenta begins to thicken and bubble slowly. Half-cover pot and cook 5 minutes, stirring often. Remove from heat and mix in cheese. Season with ground black pepper, then cover and set aside.
4. Stir tomatoes into ratatouille and cook until vegetables are tender. Add basil. Spoon polenta onto plates and put ratatouille on top, with garnish if using.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The best time to resolve any differences you may have with partners and colleagues is now, while Venus, planet of harmony, aspects Saturn.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Work and money matters will go well today — you won't believe how easy it is to win others round to your way of thinking.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A more relaxed attitude to life in general and to relationships in particular is a must today. A positive Venus-Saturn aspect indicates that everything will work out.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Do not allow others to take advantage of your generous nature. Believe it or not there are people out there who would rip you off.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Make the most of your social opportunities today because when Mercury changes signs you will find that your responsibilities eat into your time.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Today's Venus-Saturn link will make it easy for you to impress important people. You don't have to try too hard and you don't have to be too aggressive.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The people you have to deal with today, both socially and professionally, will respond more to charm than coercion, so don't be too harsh.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You have allowed yourself to be taken in by fears and doubts that have no basis in reality. Why that should be so is anyone's guess.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A relationship problem is not as serious as you imagine, so stop worrying about it and focus instead on the good things you have in common.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
With values planet Venus aspecting your ruler Saturn today it is essential that you get the balance of your life right.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Cosmic activity in your chart urges you to forget the things that have gone wrong and focus on the things that are still going right.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
If you have fallen out with someone, either at home or at work, now is the perfect time to say "sorry."

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This day in history

1918: U.S. President Woodrow Wilson sails for the World War I peace talks in Versailles, becoming the first US president to travel to Europe while in office.
1921: The Virginia Rappe manslaughter trial against Roscoe 'Fatty' Arbuckle ends in a hung jury.
1980: English rock group Led Zeppelin officially disbands, following the death of drummer John Bonham on September 25th.
2006: An adult giant squid is caught on video by Kubodera near the Ogasawara Islands, 1,000 km (620 miles) south of Tokyo.
2008: The Governor General of Canada prorogues parliament as a result of a parliamentary dispute.

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